

The Flagship School Principal's Newsletter

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Welcome to our second newsletter. We have lots of news to share with you, including a letter from Helen Kay our Chair of Trustees. We are excited to confirm that the start of term for our very first pupils will be **Monday 6 September 2021**. The school day will be from 8.45am-3.15pm each day. Full details of the term dates for the school year are included in this edition of the newsletter and more details around the school day will be published in due course.

Stephanie Salter, Principal

Family and Staff Barbeque – Sunday 15 August 2021 from 1.00pm – 4.00pm at

The Sun Room at The Azur at the Marina Pavilion, Marina, St Leonards-On-Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0BU

We are looking forward to our summer BBQ where we can all meet each other. Can you please click the link below to tell me how many people are coming and if you have any special food needs? It doesn't take long to do, and it will help me when I go shopping for BBQ food! <https://forms.office.com/r/mp1uXpyKEM>

A barbeque lunch will be served at approximately 1.30pm. The menu is below:

Breast of chicken
Cumberland sausages
6oz beef burgers served in brioche buns
Vegetarian Burgers and Vegetarian Sausages
Fried onions and grated cheese
Coleslaw
Potato salad
Mixed green salad
We look forward to seeing you there.



School Transport

Just a reminder that if you need transport for your child to attend our school from September then please contact the team at East Sussex to arrange it. You need to do this even if your child had a taxi to another school last year. The telephone number for the Admissions and Transport Team at County Hall is 0300 330 9472. They are open for enquiries Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm.

Hello!

We are nearly there! We are delighted to let you know that The Flagship School has successfully completed our Pre-Opening Ofsted Inspection and our Readiness to Open Meeting. It may seem surprising to learn that a school that has not opened, has no building, nor pupils in classrooms can have an Ofsted inspection. We completed that milestone and that allowed us to proceed to our equally successful Readiness to Open Meeting which was held earlier this month. We are therefore very happy to let you know that we will be opening as planned in September 2021. We have our Principal, Assistant Principal and School Business Manager in post. We have recruited our teachers, our therapist, our secretary and teaching assistants. More recruitment is underway. Our small team is continuing to grow.

We will open in the refurbished tower block with 24 pupils in the first year from year groups 5, 6, 7 and 8. More pupils will join each year until we have our full complement of pupils; 74 pupils from year 3 to year 11, in classes of 8 pupils.

We have been very busy planning the décor, furnishings and flooring in the school. The refurbishment has started. We have set up all our systems ready for September. We have involved pupils in the planning of the playground. We have a new website which go live in August.

Our Principal, Stephanie Salter, has already hosted several open evenings and has visited pupils, parents and carers. Teachers and pupils have met online. We have a seaside BBQ planned in August for pupils, parents, carers, staff and trustees. We are all getting to know each other.

This has been a long journey for the Flagship School Trust, that I began in 2015, persuading a small group of parents and professionals to join me in developing our ideas and East Sussex County Council to back us, setting up the Trust and working hard, as a great team, to jump through a whole raft of hurdles to be able to persuade the Department of Education to fund the build of the school. We are thrilled that the pre-opening work has been so successful as we approach the end of that stage. We will be holding an official opening event in the autumn term. Keep an eye on the website for details.

Future newsletters will be written by Stephanie, the school staff and pupils. The flagship Trust will be contributing to newsletters. We wish all the new school staff, pupils, parents, and carers a warm welcome and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Have a lovely summer!

Helen Kay

Chair of Trustees, The Flagship School



The Flagship School is very techy! We will be using this app to let you tell us about your child at school.

My Child at School App -

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

Some details are needed to use this such as the school ID and you will have a username and password. I will send you these in an email when we have all the information.

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021	
INSET Day (Staff Training)	Wednesday 1 September 2021
INSET Day (Staff Training)	Thursday 2 September 2021
INSET Day (Staff Training)	Friday 3 September 2021
Autumn Term 1 Starts (First day for all pupils)	Monday 6 September 2021
Half Term	Monday 25 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021 (inclusive)
INSET Day	Monday 1 November 2021
Autumn Term 2 Starts	Tuesday 2 November 2021
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 17 December 2021
Spring Term 2022	
Spring Term 1 Starts	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term	Monday 14 February 2022 – Friday 18 February 2022 (inclusive)
INSET Day	Monday 21 February 2022
Spring Term 2 Starts	Tuesday 22 February 2022
Spring Term Ends	Friday 1 April 2022
Summer Term 2022	
INSET Day	Tuesday 19 April 2022
Summer Term 1 Starts	Wednesday 20 April 2022
Half Term	Monday 30 May 2022 – Friday 3 June 2022 (inclusive)
Summer Term 2 Starts	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer Term Ends	Thursday 21 July 2022

The additional bank holiday on 3 June 2022, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls within the East Sussex school term and holiday dates for 2021/22. Therefore, a decision has been approved by East Sussex County Council that the academic year 2021/22 finishes one day early on Thursday 21 July 2022.



We are currently building a brand-new website for The Flagship School and are hoping it will go live later in August. We really want our students and families to be a part of the site and have lots of plans for including you in what happens on there if you would like to. The web address will still be www.theflagshipschool.org.uk. Please look out for the new site and we will be in contact about how you can get involved.

We're always happy to hear from you, so please get in touch if you have any questions or thoughts on the school.

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