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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. It is a shame the weather is so miserable but hopefully we will get some sunshine again soon.

Thank you for sending the youngsters back looking so smart and ready for work in their new school uniform. We do have some stock in school if you need more or this can be purchased direct from Tesco's online.

2017 Examinations

This year saw new GCSE examinations in Maths and English. These involved no coursework just final examinations sat in May and June. No one across the country knew how these would turn out but I am delighted to report last year's Year 11 rose to the challenge gaining very good results both in these subjects and other GCSE subjects. We are very proud of their achievements and the hard work and preparation of the staff teaching them.

After School Clubs

These will be starting on Monday 18 September. Mr Tyreman will be sending out details next week and pupils will be able to sign up for their favourite activities. They will also have the opportunity to sign up for transport home.

Autumn Term Work Topics

A list of topics for this term will be posted on the school website. These will inform you of what your child will be studying and some link sites they can use to support their learning.

Annual Reviews and School Reports

The table below shows when the school is planning to carry out annual reviews and school reports for each year group.

Year	Annual Review	School Report
11	2 Oct – 30 Oct 2017	25 May 2018
10	6 Nov – 27 Nov 2017	23 February 2018
9	4 Dec – 15 Jan 2018	23 March 2018
8	23 Jan – 13 Feb 2018	4 May 2018
7	26 Feb – 19 Mar 2018	22 June 2018



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Free School Meal Entitlement

Please apply for your Free School Meal entitlement. If you have already applied online you do not have to do so again. New applicants will need to apply online at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3s-freeschoolmeals.htm>. It is important that everyone who is entitled to this provision applies as school funding is based on these applications. We use additional funding to provide one to one support, withdrawal support and to supplement trips and extra-curricular activities. For more information on how Pupil Premium funds are spent please see the school website.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

I would just like to remind you that children should not have mobile phones during the school day. If they must bring them to school, they must hand them in to reception at the start of the school day. There is no reason why children need phones in school and if you need to contact them in an emergency please call the school office.

Please only let your child bring in one device as storing and keeping multiple items is becoming more and more difficult.

School Payments

Please note money can be paid to school in the following ways:

- Card payments in person or over the phone
- On-line payments
- Cash
- Cheques

Year 7 parents will receive a registration letter shortly to enable them to use Tuscasi for making payments.

If you have not yet registered to make payments online, please contact the school office.

Pupil Absence Reporting

If your child is too sick to come to school or will be attending a medical appointment, please let the school know immediately. You can do this by:

- Ringing the school on 01252 514194
- Emailing absence@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk

Medical Needs Policy

The school has a statutory obligation to have a 'Medical Needs Policy'. A copy of this can be found on the school website.

School Arrival

Please try to make sure your youngsters do not arrive in school too early in the mornings. School transport should not drop children off before 8.40am as all staff are in the morning briefing. Staff will be on duty to welcome and supervise and take responsibility for children from 8.40am.

Newsletters

All future newsletters will be emailed to you direct. This is a much more effective method of making sure you receive them and is cost effective for the school. Please let us know if you are unable to access these and we will try to send a paper copy to you.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 15 September	Attendance Reward Trip (last Year 7CM)
Monday 18 September	Year 11 Careers Interviews School Clubs begin
Tuesday 19 September	Year 10/11 Photography Trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Friday 22 September	Year 10/11 Photography Trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Monday 25 September	Year 11 Careers Interviews
Monday 2 October	Year 11 Careers Interviews Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 4 October	INSET DAY – school closed
Monday 9 October	Year 11 Careers Interviews Inter House Handball (PM)
Wednesday 18 October	Year 7 & 8 Parents Evening from 6.30pm
Friday 20 October	School finished for half term
Monday 23 – 27 October	Half Term
Monday 30 October	School restarts

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Dawson
Headteacher