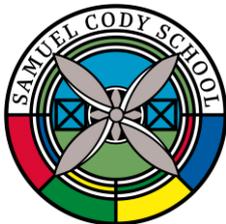


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16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **Welcome back letter – Primary and Secondary– 16th September 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you at the end of a very busy first fortnight. Our pupils in primary and our students in secondary have come back to school full of tales of their summer. It has been a lively first week back and we have welcomed seventy nine new children across all phases, including those who have started in our new SEMH unit. If you are a parent or carer who is new to Samuel Cody School, please familiarise yourselves with our website and the policies on it including the parent/carers code of conduct and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022. These policies contain important information about how to raise concerns about a child and who to go to in the first instance.

We are currently experiencing a rise in unkindness between our KS3 students. One of the most important messages we try to instil in our children while they are at Samuel Cody is to be kind to others. Can I please ask that you speak to your child this weekend and reinforce this message.

We will be restarting after school clubs in the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September in secondary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 until 3:40pm. The Primary department will be in touch soon with details of what is on offer for our primary pupils and when.

This year marks the second year of our new secondary curriculum with additional lessons covering literacy and numeracy as well as enrichment afternoons on Wednesdays for years 7-9. This is an opportunity for our students to experience an alternative curriculum. Currently the year 9's are participating in water sports at Horseshoe Lake and have had enormous fun in their first session. This activity will be available to all year groups in years 7-9 over the course of this academic year and will last approximately 6 weeks. You will be given more information when it is time for your child to attend these off-site sessions. Other enrichment sessions will continue to be delivered on school premises and include things such as photography, performing arts, forest school and Commando Joes.

This coming year we again have some residential activities planned for years 8 to 11, with an overnight sleepover for year 7's. These include a trip to Avon Tyrell in the new Forest and to Shanklin on the Isle of Wight. The Year 11's will participate in a transition residential at Runways End. Information will be available later in the year.

Lastly I would like to apologise for the on-going problems with Hampshire transport. Whilst this is not in our control, I am aware that many of you have had issues and some of our new students have not been allocated places yet. We try and do all that we can to support in instances such as these, but hopefully it will start to improve. If you are still having problems please call the school office and let them know.

Thank you for your on-going support and I hope to meet you in school soon.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shen's Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa  
Headteacher - Samuel Cody School