



## Headlines

Autumn Term  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”  
ISI inspection report

Senior Department Residential Visit to Italy

### Letter from the Headmaster

#### Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to term and I hope the 49 new boys joining the School this week will quickly feel at home within our community.

Whilst you have been away we have been busy: the sports field has been given much TLC, we have new flooring through the rear of the ground floor and Early Years including re-painting and upgrades to a bathroom. Preparation for the new building continues with detailed final planning before construction begins. I will update you as we go on that (a model and schematics are outside my Office on display if you would like to have a look). During the start of the holidays, the Classics Department led a very successful and enjoyable expedition to Italy and I thank the staff and boys for really adding some value and depth to learning.

We sent out an updated ‘Parent Handbook’ at the end of the Summer Term and you can find a copy here:

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Early-Years-Welcome>

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Junior-Welcome>

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Senior-Welcome>

For both new and existing parents alike this is an invaluable source of information on day-to-day matters from uniforms, to timings, to communications, and provides a pithy guidance for most matters. The website undergoes some refreshment and update this term and will retain useful links and further information. We also have school Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds, as we know many parents enjoy seeing quick photos and updates of events. Please do follow us:

<https://www.facebook.com/homefield.school/>

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSchool>

<https://twitter.com/HomefieldSp0rt>

[https://www.instagram.com/homefield\\_preparatory\\_school/](https://www.instagram.com/homefield_preparatory_school/)

Please have look at the autumn calendar, lots of events to look forward to already:

<http://www.homefield.sutton.sch.uk/Calendar>

As ever, we open the extra-curricular doors with around 80 clubs per week for boys to enjoy. Do book ahead as many fill quickly. We are considering starting a yoga club... Please let the Front Office know if your son is interested and we will see what we can do.

Let’s build on last year’s simply stellar academic results to develop this great school. Homefield has always provided real value around character and community. Given the difficult political and social uncertainty in our country, it is such a good time for boys to be part of a community where a sense of real responsibility, care and respect goes beyond the individual to the group. It remains my ambition to lead a truly outstanding school, this year we will literally build upon on our success.

Finally, Mr Fitzgerald, our Deputy Head, was blessed with a ‘bonnie wee bairn’ (as a Scot might just say) with a son, Cameron, arriving late in August. Mr Fitzgerald will re-join us in another week after some paternity leave.

Enjoy your weekend.

**John Towers**  
Headmaster



## Early Years Department

Welcome back after such an amazing long holiday. It has been so lovely seeing all the boys again and hearing about what they did and the places they visited over the summer.

I hope you have all had a chance to see our freshly painted department that took place at the beginning of the holiday. We are so pleased with it and hope you like it too. There are still a few more things to come so watch this space!

We welcomed 14 new boys to the department and I am delighted to see how well they are settling in and learning all the new information. As the weeks go by we will be doing lots of exciting things and filling our classrooms with the boys' work as well as getting stuck in to learning which the boys are looking forward to.

Lastly, please could we remind parents to provide us with a photo for your son's coat peg as it makes it a lot easier for the boys to find their things.

## Junior Department

It was lovely to see all the boys back after the holiday and also to welcome lots of new boys to the department. They have all settled in extremely well and have been well looked after by their class mates. We are also delighted to have Miss Ryckaert, Miss Rowe and Mr Powell joining us in the Junior Department.

Parents will have all received an information letter outlining administrative details in each year group. We look forward to seeing parents at our Welcome and Curriculum Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Our Parents' evenings this term are being held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Further details to follow.

Year 3 are looking forward to an outing to Bough Beech Water Treatment Works on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## Learning Technologies



We are in the process of issuing Firefly accounts to all of our new boys. We are also issuing new passwords to our returning boys so that they can continue to access their accounts safely. Once all of the details have been created, we will send home letters with the usernames and passwords. Please work with your son over the next week or so, to help him access this resource.

We would like to remind you that we have a dedicated Firefly email address should you require some support using Firefly. Please use the following email address [firefly@homefieldprep.school](mailto:firefly@homefieldprep.school) should you need to get in contact.

Please save or make a note of the Firefly email address in your address book within your email account. We will aim to get back to you as soon as we can. Queries about homework or subject related matters should either go to the form tutor or subject teacher in the first instance, please refer to the staffing and our email contact addresses within the parent handbook or on our website for further details.

Please do not use the messaging option within Firefly to contact teachers. This has not been enabled and therefore staff will have not received any previous communication that you may have sent.

We ask that any future communications regarding Firefly are either done via the support email address above or directly emailing the member of staff in question via their school email address which can be found on the school website. Please note that staff email addresses are:- first initial followed by surname @homefieldprep.school (For example Mr D Jones would be [djones@homefieldprep.school](mailto:djones@homefieldprep.school)) If you have any trouble contacting a member of staff via email then please contact [administration@homefieldprep.school](mailto:administration@homefieldprep.school) for more help.

## Fantasy Football

After the success of our first ever Fantasy Football Leagues last year, we will again be running leagues this year! For information on how to sign up and join a Homefield league, please see the document that was sent out via ParentMail yesterday (Thursday).

We are looking forward to the competition starting again next week!





## Parents' Association

A special welcome to all the **new parents**. If you haven't signed up to Classlist.com yet, please register at [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) or download the free Classlist app. Classlist is a great way to contact other parents in your son's year group and to organise birthday parties. The Parents' Association uses Classlist to send out information about our events and to sell tickets online.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our **Coffee Morning and AGM on Friday 20th September at 8.30am**. This is a great opportunity for new parents to meet other parents in the school and to find out more about the Homefield Association. There will be a short presentation on last year and the new Committee members will be voted in.



There are many opportunities to be involved in the Homefield Association this year, such as being a Class Rep, planning events on the HA team, designing posters, baking cakes or helping out on a stall at an event. If you would like to be involved in the HA team or as a Class Rep, please get in touch with Lizby Sharpe via Classlist.

### Dates for the diary

HA Coffee Morning and AGM	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am
HA Meeting	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 8.30am
Class Reps Meeting	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 8.30am
Fireworks Night	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Doors open 6.00pm (7.30pm display)
HA Meeting	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 8.30am
Christmas Coffee Morning	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 8.30am
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 3.45pm

## Music News

Music lessons will start for continuing pupils next week and new pupils will be fitted into the schedule once contracts have been signed.

Lunchtime and after school music groups will start the following week (w/c 16<sup>th</sup> September).

If any parents wish their child to start a new instrument, please email me direct: [ameyers@homefieldprep.school](mailto:ameyers@homefieldprep.school) and I will set things in motion.

Results from external music exams taken at end of summer term:

Hanlin Year 5 achieved 99% for his ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory test! A wonderful result  
Oliver Year 6 Grade 1 Clarinet  
Vinicius Year 8 Grade 6 Cello

### Piano

Magsud Year 4 Grade 1 (Distinction)  
Vidwat Year 7 Grade 1 (Merit)  
Daniel Year 6 Grade 1  
Archie Year 7 Grade 1  
Madi Year 6 Grade 2  
Sebastian Year 4 Grade 2  
Leonardo Year 5 Grade 2 (Merit)  
Tim Year 5 Grade 2 (Merit)  
Prabodha Year 6 Grade 4  
Ansh Year 5 Grade 6 (Distinction)  
Vinicius Year 8 Grade 7 (Merit)

## Parking

Parking around the school is always problematic and of particular concern to many of us. The safety of children must be our prime consideration. Please park with care and thoughtfulness for the residents. Please **DO NOT** park on the pavements or obstruct residents' driveways—and please **DO NOT** park on the yellow zigzag lines under any circumstances. In the morning, we run a highly effective stop and drop facility, which eliminates the need for parking. Our Estates team are on hand to escort the boys into school from 8.10am.

## Tweet of the Week



Homefield Prep School @HomefieldSchool · 22h  
What a great first day back for all of our boys! We are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term ahead #BackToSchool



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news as it happens....



Road Safety