



Dear Parents

Important Protocol regarding parental access to the school site

You will appreciate that a major concern that we have is the safety of your sons on the school premises. We maintain security cameras on all public entrances onto the site and record the comings and goings of visitors to different parts of the site. Visitors have to sign in and are issued with official; badges. However, at the beginning and ending of the school day we allow parents and approved guardians onto the school premises to escort pupils to and from the school building. Boys who arrive at 7.15am as registered members of the Breakfast Club go straight to Mrs Kelly in the Kindergarten; any other pupils arriving from 7.45am, are supervised (usually by Mrs Coupland) in the lower playground until 8.15am when the pupils are split into their Key Stages on both playgrounds where they are supervised separately until 8.30am when they line up. At the other end of the day, the staff in the playground supervise pupils going home until 3.15pm when official after school activities begin and when pupils collected late are looked after inside.

Normally this system works well, particularly at the end of the day when we can hand over pupils in a safe environment. However, it is timely to remind you of an important protocol.

Times occur when tensions can arise between pupils. Tensions that recur over time begin to cause understandable stress in pupils and can develop into accusations of bullying. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind and our boys are encouraged to disclose such situations to us – either directly to an adult or through our mentoring and prefect systems to a senior boy (who will relay it to the appropriate member of staff) – or to their parents. As a parent, you will of course respond – usually through a phone call or e mail to school –or sometimes through a direct visit to speak to me or a member of staff. Clearly what must not happen is any kind of confrontation with any pupil. Within the school all pupils are within our jurisdiction and our protection. We take any referral or concern seriously, but cannot condone any action against any third parties. Ideally, should a parent wish to come to school to discuss a concern of this type, a prearranged appointment is preferable, although there may be occasion when the parent feels the need to see a member of staff straight away. As a parent I have been in that situation myself with my own children. In that case, the parent should not enter the school by the boys' entrance but come straight to the official front door entrance by the school office from whence their concerns can be addressed.

Your co-operation in following this protocol is appreciated greatly.

Another Spectacular Start to Soccer Season

Looking through the archive I see that in October 2003 I was able to write "It has been a spectacular start to the soccer season for both the Under 11s and Under 9s." History certainly continues to repeat

itself.

The first match of the season saw the Under 11s triumphing 8-0 versus Avon House.

Not even breaking down on the way to Brentwood School put a sparkling Under 9 soccer squad off its stride. The Under 9A team won their match 5-1 and the Bs triumphed 7-3. A great many parents supported the venture in picking up boys from the stricken mini bus on the A12 and ferrying them to Brentwood for their match.

The Under 11s played in the St Edmund's Tournament. However the 11+ examinations that day depleted the squad so all but two members were Under 10s from Figures. Notwithstanding, they reached the semi finals without losing a match to be defeated eventually in a penalty shoot out.

The Under 9s carried on their exploits at Woodlands School from which they departed as 6-0 winners.

The *piece de resistance* so far though was the Under 11s at the Forest Tournament which put them up across some of our moist challenging opponents so far. Thanks to Gerry Scannell for the statistics from the tournament:

Loyola 5: Chigwell B 0

Loyola 2: Forest C 0

Loyola 1: Cannonbury 0

Loyola 0: Woodford Green Prep 0

Loyola 2: Forest B 0

Quarter Final: Loyola 1:St Paul's 1 a.e.t.. Loyola win 5-4 on penalties

Semi Final: Loyola 2: Chigwell A 1

Final: Loyola 2: Forest A 0

So we are the reigning Forest Champions!

Well done to Joe Garfield, Yonni Levy, Teddy Gardiner, Jake Patel, Jonathan Nana, Regan Creasey and Gabriel Mehlman – and of course to Ollie Morah.

Rugby

I write this whilst the Under 11s take part in the New Hall Rugby Tournament. Here they have been faced with some strong and experienced opponents but Mr Bleasdale's texts are informing me of their spirit and fortitude – and some valuable lessons being learnt.



Kingswood 2016

Thank you to Arthur Johnson in Figures for submitting the following article:

[Figure 1 Forest Champions 2016](#)

Apprehensive and excited was how I felt as I boarded the bus with my overstuffed, large suitcase (packed by my Mum) to Kingswood, West Runton in Norfolk. The dormitory that I shared was crazy, fun, with little sleep taking place within it. Waking for breakfast was delicious! It certainly set us up for our activities: archery, aeroball, nightline, team challenge (that was hard!), zip-wire, fencing, go-karting, abseiling and caving to name a few, abseiling being my favourite. We learnt a lot from our trip away: how to work together, finding out what we were good at (even though we may have been scared at times!), and also how to look after ourselves and others. The disco was great fun and some were quite bad dances, not mentioning any names, Mr Bleasdale! The coach journey was very different to the way there: I think that was because most of us were asleep. The trip was something that I shall always treasure and remember, but was also glad to be home. Thank you Mrs Anthony, Mr Bleasdale and Mr Hatzar for looking after us so well.

I think that sometimes it is easy to take for granted the dedication of staff who will give up parts of weekends or evenings to provide additional opportunities for the boys, and so I enthusiastically echo Arthur's heartfelt thanks.

EastEnders ... here we go again

For the second year in succession, Loyola boys will appear on one of the episodes of EastEnders in the run up to Christmas. They shall be recording on October 13th. Over the summer, members of the Schola also took part as part of a backing choir for a C.D. to be issued by Susan Boyle soon.

October Events

Please note the following significant events over the next month...

Sunday 2nd	Under 11 Rugby Tournament at New Hall
Tuesday 4th	Individual (and brothers') school photographs. Please can all pupils come to school in full uniform (including blazers) and not in PE kit. Reception 1 Parents' Meeting from 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 5th	Figures Led Mass in honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi with Fr Page 10.30 a.m. Visit of new Head of Daiglen School, Mrs P. Dear Mrs Rosario attending Independent Schools' Bursar's Conference Reception 1 Parents' Meeting from 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 6th	Reception 1 Parents' Meeting from 3.00 p.m.
Friday 7th	Under 9 A and B Soccer v. Forest
Tuesday 11th	Under 10 Rugby v Bancroft's
Wednesday 12th	Pre-Prep 2 led Harvest Mass with Fr Selvini 10.30 a.m. Donations of dry or tinned groceries for St Thomas of Canterbury's distribution to the homeless greatly appreciated.
Thursday 13th	Mrs Foster attending Level 3 Child Protection Training Mr Nicholson attending Essex Safeguarding Conference: St Cedd's Chelmsford OPRO mouth guard fittings for pupils from Prep to Rudiments from 1.00 p.m.
Monday 17th	Prep and Elements trip to Hampton Court
Tuesday 18th	Rudiments Secondary Transfer Individual Meetings from 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 19th	Prep led Mass with Fr. Waller 10.30 a.m. at which their Bibles will be presented. Mrs Payne, Miss Roddy and Mrs Foster attending Literacy Training St Aubyn's Under 10 Soccer Tournament Rudiments Secondary Transfer Individual Meetings from 6.00 p.m
Thursday 20th	Under 11 National Small Schools Soccer Tournament from 11.30 a.m.
Friday 21st	Half Term commences
Monday 31st	Return from half term

Birthdays

A very happy birthday for October to: **Eddie Chu, Ryan Kearney, Frank McGowan, Noah Hovell, Jun-Le Shukla, Jayan Yogadeva, Sebastian Courtney, Maximilian Kennedy, Jayan Patel, Aayan Asim, Vion Puvaneswaran, Louie Tilbrook, James Whitehead, Zach Garfield, Cillian Gowers, Zareb**

Rizvi, Adam Tsang, Ciaran Brett, Micah Chukwu, Julius Miller, Pasha Keray, Tami Unuefa, Danny Mitchell, Bobby Pope, Arthur Johnson.

Mrs Brown

You may have heard that as from January 2017, Mrs Brown is being seconded to take up the appointment of Interim Headteacher of the Ursuline Preparatory School Ilford for one term. This means that she will still be working at Loyola and fulfilling her teaching commitments in maths and science with Rudiments, but will also be utilising her leadership skills and experience as the Head at UPSI. I congratulate her warmly for this recognition of her talents which will further extend her skill set here as a member of our Strategic Leadership Team. She will return to her normal full role at Loyola in April.

With best wishes,

P.G.M. Nicholson

