



Thursday 25th February 2021

RE: Secondary Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Daniella Aschettino

I wanted to write to you to let you know that one of our Secondary Vice Principals, Ms Daniella Aschettino has been recognised for the dedication and outstanding effort and impact she has made in her time at WSO by being promoted to be the Secondary Headteacher at GEMS Metropole School from Term 3, 2021. Daniella joined WSO in 2013 as a teacher of Psychology and her quality was quickly recognised as she moved from teacher to Director to Assistant Principal and on to her current role as Vice Principal. She has been a part of much of the growth of WSO and her tireless energy and commitment to students and their families is a feature of work here. While she will be missed by families and colleagues alike, we are excited for her as she ventures into her first headship.

Staff leaving on promotion to another school, particularly in the GEMS network is a feature we are proud of. Developing staff and supporting them to seek higher opportunities is an important part of our role as an organisation. We look forward to collaborating with Daniella and Metropole for the benefit of both schools.

Please join us in taking the opportunity to congratulate Daniella on this recognition of her talent and efforts and while we undoubtedly are going to miss having her at WSO, we all wish her well on this next phase of her career.

Year 11 Next Steps

Please find a [LINK](#) to the outline of next steps for our Year 11 students from Helen Hurford (Assistant Principal). We are still waiting upon the final word from exam boards – this document is to keep you informed of our approach.

Year 13 Next Steps

For Year 13 parents and families, you will today receive a communication from Amy Cooper (Assistant Principal), separate from this letter, outlining their next steps depending on the course they are enrolled in.

In both cases above ie for all Year 11 and 13 families, there is ONE key message we want you to understand. Everything we do from now until school finishes, is designed to alleviate unnecessary stress on your children and ensure we maximise their Centre Assessed Grades. Their task is to take advantage of all opportunities on offer, to present their very best work and understanding.



Academic Review Days

Thank you for the recent Academic review Day attendance and participation. It was another success for us with the large majority of feedback being positive. A forewarning that we have two more days pending – Sunday 14 March and Tuesday 16 March. A reminder the Academy will be closed both days for face to face instruction – lessons will be set for all year levels by staff to be completed remotely.

Can I please impress upon you the importance of accessing the communications in regards to these days, as soon as you receive it. It will allow you to make appointments for your children prior to the day. We always get requests for appointments to be made on the actual day and this is not possible.

Our thanks again for your ongoing support. Please email me on a.kaifong_wso@gemsedu.com if you have any queries.

Wishing you a safe weekend.

Sincerely

Andy Kai Fong
Secondary Principal



Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Sunday 14th March	Academic Review Day (Years 10 & 12) – all Secondary school students access their learning from home
Sunday 14th March	STEAM Week (1-week period)
Tuesday 16th March	Academic Review Day (Years 11 & 13) – all Secondary school students access their learning from home
Tuesday 23rd March	PSHE Day ‘Boosting Self-esteem’
Thursday 25th March	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Reports available online