



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

St Catherine's College is Back!

After twenty-four weeks of lockdown, online learning, and Key Worker provision, St Catherine's College is finally back in full session! Lessons for all five year groups began on time this morning. It has been an absolute delight and a pleasure to welcome back all of our amazing pupils after such a long period of separation; they all looked so happy. It has been equally wonderful to have been welcoming our new Year 7s through the last few days. We hope they already feel proud to be part of the St Catherine's College community. We will not forget the look of gratitude on the faces of many parents as they have been dropping off and picking up their children. We are also grateful for your feedback and numerous messages of support.

We are now up and running and it feels terrific to see the School in action after all the preparation, staff training and pupil induction. We wanted to mark this important day, and to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the last five months to support each other and the School. We are extraordinarily grateful to our staff, who have been exceptional, and to all our pupils and parents for their resilience and support. Of course, there will be much to get used to, with extra hand washing, year group bubbles ('schools'), face masks and sanitiser becoming part of our daily routines.

As the country and the world tries to move on from lockdown, we should pause to thank those who made and continue to make such a difference and to share our sympathy with those families who lost loved ones during this time. By working together and supporting each other, we can all help to ensure that the future is as positive as possible.

Yours faithfully

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