



# ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Our Ref: SBE/NJE/STH/HSI

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your loved ones have had a wonderful summer. As the holidays draw to a close, we wanted to let you know how excited we are about having the students back at school. We are also really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 children.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you about the following before we return:

## Arrangements for the first days back

We will be having a staggered start to this term, which will give our new year 7s time to further familiarise themselves with the school and will also provide a focused start for our new year 11.

The plan for our return to school is as follows:

Date	Activity	Time
Friday 1 September	Staff inset day	All day
Monday 4 September	Years 7 and 11 come into school	Year 7 8:35am to 3:00pm Year 11 8:35am to 4:00pm
Tuesday 5 September	All year groups in school	Year 7 8:35am to 3:00pm Years 8 to 10 8:35am to 3:05pm Year 11 8:35am to 4:00pm

## School uniform

We ask that all students return to school in full school uniform. At St Catherines College we believe that school uniforms play a vital role in fostering a positive learning environment and creating a sense of unity amongst our students. Uniforms eliminate the distractions of fashion trends and socioeconomic differences, allowing students to focus on their studies and personal growth. We believe uniforms promote equality, discipline, and a sense of belonging within our school community.

We understand that some of our students may have taken the opportunity to have false lashes and nails applied during the extended summer break. Some may have also had additional piercings. If this is the case, please could we kindly ask you to remind your child to remove any item that does not meet with the guidelines of our uniform policy below. Another element of the uniform policy that we would like to remind you of is the requirement to wear non-branded school shoes.

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Preparing students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers: locally, nationally and globally.

Please [click here for more detailed guidance](#) on uniform. Please visit [www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stcatherinescollege](http://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stcatherinescollege) to place your uniform order. If you have any worries or concerns over school uniform, please can we ask that you contact us on [admin@stcatherines.college](mailto:admin@stcatherines.college) so that we can help you to resolve them before the start of next term.

We understand that some families may be struggling in the current climate, and we are determined that no child should be disadvantaged due to financial constraints. In light of this, if you feel that you may struggle financially with paying for school uniform, please contact [mmaynard@stcatherines.college](mailto:mmaynard@stcatherines.college)

If you have any uniform that you no longer require and would like to donate this to our Uniform Swap Shop, we would be very grateful, as this supports other families within our community. Please could any uniform donations be dropped at reception.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our students back very soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much for your ongoing help and support.

Yours faithfully



Solomon Berhane  
Headteacher



Sophie Thomas  
Head of School



Nigel Jewell  
Deputy Headteacher

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing".