



St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As our summer break draws to a close, we are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school for the new academic year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to confirm some key details as you make final preparations for your child's return to school. The specific details outlined below will support your child's return to learning and once again immersing themselves in school life.

Final Preparations for Return:

Reading

As outlined in previous communication, we will be launching a whole school reading strategy from September. As such, please ensure that, starting from their first day back, your child (Y7-Y11) brings a reading book to school every day as this will form part of Form Time activities.

Uniform Reminders

- Students will wear their full school uniform every day. Students must return in their blue shirts and ties not polo shirts;
- On PE days, students will change into their PE kit in the changing rooms;
- Piercings: students will be permitted to wear a maximum of two studs in each ear; nose studs and other facial, body and/or additional piercings are not permitted;
- Footwear: students must wear a plain black shoe that would be suitable for a professional business environment. Trainers (including black leather trainers e.g. Nike Air Force One) are not permitted and can only be worn in P.E. lessons. Boots, pumps and sandals are not allowed;
- False eyelashes and painted, acrylic/ gel nails will need to be removed prior to the start of term;





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- Upon their return, students will be issued with a coloured lapel badge specific to their Year Group which will form a compulsory part of our school uniform. They will be expected to wear it on the left lapel of their blazer every day in place of the lanyards which were in place last year. In the event of a student misplacing their lapel badge, they will be expected to replace it at a cost of £1 from Student Services.

Your continued supporting in upholding our school uniform expectations is much appreciated.

Equipment

Minimum equipment requirement: pens - ideally black ink, pencils, ruler, glue, eraser, highlighters. Individual curriculum areas will have specific requirements e.g. calculator, aprons.

Arrangements for the return of students in September 2021 are as follows:

Monday 6th September – Training Day

8.45am Tuesday 7th September – Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 only

8.45am Wednesday 8th September– All Year Groups

Upon arrival, students in Years 7-11 will enter via the green gate and be directed to their external zone and Sixth Form students will enter via the Sixth Form entrance. We respectfully request that you do not access the school site to drop off or collect your child but instead make arrangements to do so in the local area.

We look forward to welcoming everyone, including our new Year 7 students, back to school next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Luke
Deputy Headteacher

