



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

14th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a restful and happy summer. It seemed to be a long break this year and it was lovely to have some fantastic warm weather. However, speaking as a parent, I know I was very relieved when my 3 boys started back at school last week!

First of all, I want to congratulate all our exam students who received results in the summer. We had the best ever results in both GCSEs and A-Levels. Students that come through St Mary's College achieve, on average, almost a grade higher than all other students nationally. This is a phenomenal achievement and reflects the endless hard work of staff and the attitudes of our students. I wish all our exam students luck in their future pathways-especially those now leaving the school.

Since we have returned to school, attendance has been excellent and I thank you for your support regarding your child being in school as much as possible. The new Year 7s have been exceptional and look extremely smart in their new uniform. They have settled in very quickly and are already an integral part of our school community. As always, should you have any queries or concerns please contact your child's year team in the first instance.

The older year groups are now the new role models to the younger ones and it is on this note that I want to draw all parents'/carers' attention to a recurring uniform issue. It is with sadness that I have to write regarding the length and style of a minority of grey school skirts. Despite me highlighting the expectations several times last year, we still have a minority of students who are either rolling up the grey school skirt or, not wearing a grey skirt of an appropriate length. As stated, skirts must not be too short, too tight or of a jersey or stretchy material.

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Therefore, in order to tackle this issue and to ensure our high standards are met, any student in Years 8-11 who chooses to wear the grey school skirt inappropriately will have 5 opportunities to rectify this. Once they have been addressed by staff 5 times regarding their skirt, they will be required to wear the tartan navy school skirt or grey trousers. I am sure you will agree, if you have seen the Year 7 students in the school skirt, it is extremely smart, an appropriate length, and reflective of our outstanding school. Uniform is business dress and, as previously stated several times, grey skirts must be appropriate. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 11 have started the year with a real sense of commitment and purpose. They have a big year ahead of them and we will support them every step of the way. Period 6, Progress Support and interventions will all be starting soon and we expect all of Year 11 to engage with the extra sessions that are offered to them. I am sure they will achieve the best results ever next year but before this point, I want them to enjoy Year 11 and all the positives it will bring.

Furthermore, Issue 1 of the SMC Newsletter will be sent out in Week 4 and will once again give us the opportunity to celebrate our students' myriad successes whilst keeping you up to date with all the latest SMC news and events.

Next week, we will be sending out an overview of what your child will be studying this half-term in each of their subjects. This will also include key vocabulary students will be learning which we encourage you to discuss with your child at home.

Thank you as always, here's to another great year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Stead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

Mrs M Stead
Head of School