

4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Re: Plans for September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are coming to the end of a very successful academic year. It is the first complete school year in the last three that your daughter will have done, so I know the summer break will be most welcomed.

Whilst it is early, we need to start looking towards September and the new academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on key dates and start times for September and to reiterate our expectations regarding behaviour, uniform and attendance.

The new academic school year will begin for your daughter on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. The year group return will be staggered. Return times are as below:

- **Year 10** – report to the Dorothy Stang Theatre at **10:30am**. Lessons will begin at 11am.
- **Year 11** – Report to the Dorothy Stang Theatre at **09:30am**. Lessons will begin at 11am.

It is important that all students are in school from 5<sup>th</sup> September. Their attendance target is 100%. We do expect students to be on time for school and lessons every day.

The school day begins at **08:45**. Students arriving to form after this time will be marked as late. Extensive research has been carried out on attendance and the direct correlation it has with attainment.

Analysis of the performance of St Julie's students at GCSE shows that there is a very clear link between attendance and academic attainment, with the students who are never or rarely absent from or late to school significantly outperforming those who are absent or late on a more frequent basis.

Students with 98% attendance typically achieve twice as many Grades 9-5 and Grades 9-7 as students with below 90% attendance.

Students with 1 or fewer late marks per half term typically achieve over twice as many Grade 9-5 and Grade 9-7 as students with 4 or more late marks per half term.

It is also important that your daughter attends school in the correct uniform. This sets her up for the day and promotes a good work ethic. When purchasing and sorting uniform for next academic year:

- Jewellery is not permitted. If your daughter wants her ears/nose pierced, it is probably best to do it at the start of the summer holidays. Students are not permitted to have any piercings in school. Rings, necklaces, bracelets and other pieces of jewellery must not be worn in school. This is non-negotiable and part of the uniform policy.
- Shoes must be polishable. Your daughter cannot wear trainers of any kind, canvas shoes, plastic shoes, such as 'Melissas', or shoes with accessories on them, such as bows. This is part of the uniform policy and again is non-negotiable.

- Hair must be always tied back – it is pupils' responsibility to have bobbles rather than asking for staff to provide them.
- Hair colour must not be extreme.
- False nails, acrylic nails, shellac, gel nails and nail polish are not allowed in school. It must be removed before returning to school on 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- Students cannot wear make up or false tan to school.
- If a student is wearing a coat to school, it must be **plain black or navy**. We do not allow fur in school, real or fake.
- Mobile phones - rules have been expanded to include **all connected devices** such as Air pods and Smartwatches and apply **from 8.30am onwards**. Air pods and phones will be confiscated if seen or heard. Smartwatches will be confiscated if suspected of being used for communication purposes.

If you need to speak to a member of the KS4 pastoral team, the details are below:

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Yours sincerely,

**Miss LA Gawley**

Head of Middle School