



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the newly appointed Vice Principal for Student Welfare I would like to extend a warm welcome to our students in Nursery, Reception and years 1 and 7. I also extend a very warm welcome back to you and to all our students across the school. In addition we welcome our very first cohort of Year 12 students. We are delighted with our examination results, and we are looking forward to another successful year for all of our students at St. Mary's and St. John's CE school.

My responsibilities include ensuring that the wellbeing of our students and I am sure that you will agree that effective communication between home and school is one of the best ways to facilitate this support; I hope that you will find the information below useful as we start the new year.

Supporting our students

To ensure a smooth start to the academic year it is essential that students are organised and prepared. To support you with this we have provided links to some of the key documents that you may find useful:

- **ParentPay** – This is our cashless online payment service and should be used to pay online for student lunches, trips and resources. (<https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>). Year 7 parents/carers, please remember if your child had a school dinner prior to their details being added on parentpay, these meals will be deducted from the amount you add to parentpay. Please check your balance and ensure your child has adequate funds to access food at lunchtime.
- **Uniform and expectations**- Arriving to school in full school uniform and fully equipped helps students feel comfortable, equal and supports them to be ready to learn. Please take the opportunity to remind yourself of our uniform expectations, particularly the notes at the bottom of the attachment. (<http://www.smsj.barnet.sch.uk/404/uniform-2>)
- **Attendance and punctuality** - Students need to attend school every day in order to fulfil their academic potential. Your support in ensuring your child has an excellent attendance by encouraging resilience in the face of the inevitable colds they may fall prey to in the Autumn Term and beyond will make all the difference. Good punctuality is an important life skill and to motivate students to be punctual every day we have told them they will face sanctions for each day they are late to school. In one school week on the first day of lateness they will have a 20 minute detention after school, the second day will incur a 40 minute detention and a third occurrence will result in a SLT detention after school on the Friday of that week. Your support in encouraging excellent attendance and punctuality is much appreciated.

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Junior Phase, Bennett House Campus, Sunningfields Road, Hendon, NW4 4QR

Senior Phase, Stamford Raffles Campus, Downage, Hendon, NW4 1AB



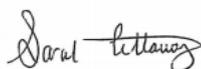
Important dates for the Autumn Term

Some of the important dates for this first term are listed below for your calendar:

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
Week of 16th September	Baseline tests and accelerated reader	Year 7
24th September	Drama Trip 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime'	Year 9 & GCSE drama students
30th September	Year 6 into Year 7 Open Evening	Whole school
2nd October 4.30-6.30pm	Settling in Evening	Year 7
Week of 7th October	1:1 Progress Meetings for selected students	Year 11
9th October 3.45-7.00pm	Parent Consultation Evening	Year 12
11th October	Careers Live Trip	Year 10
14th October	1:1 Progress Meetings for selected students	Year 11
21st-25th October	HALF TERM	All
28th October	INSET day	Whole School
29th October	Students return to school	Whole School
4th November - 22nd November	Mock Examinations	Year 11
19th November	KS5 Open Evening	Year 11
20th November	Parent Consultation Evening	Year 7
Week of 2nd December	'The Crucible' performance week	Whole School
17th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch	Whole School
18th December 3.45-7.00pm	Parent Consultation Evening	Year 10
20th December 1.00pm	School closes for Christmas	Whole School

May I take this opportunity to state how proud I have been of the way in which students have conducted themselves at the start of this academic year. Thank for your continued support which, as always, proves crucial in ensuring that we provide the very best for our students.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Pittaway
Vice Principal