

15th July 2019

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have almost finished an academic year at All Saints and it is hard to believe we are here already. As I am sure you will agree, this year has very much been about working together to make All Saints a great place to learn and much effort has gone into this. Our Ofsted 'check ups' and recent Church inspection reports have given us good feedback that we are working on the right areas and for the next steps as well. Our move into Houses has gone very smoothly and it was brilliant to see all of the students on Sports' Day working in tutor teams and getting to know everyone a little better. The new support systems for students within the Houses is strong and is helping them throughout the day. Thank you to all those students who have attended school every day; please remember that we expect all students to be present and learning at school 100% of the time so that they can fully access their right to an education.

What is most worth celebrating this year is the students at the school and how hard they have worked. The culture here is now one of learning and high expectations for effort and behaviour. I am unapologetically ambitious for all of the students here, in order to help them succeed. Thank you also for all the students and families who have contributed to our review of the behaviour policy. This is currently being finalised and will be launched with our students and staff after the October half term following consultation with the Governors. More will follow on this next term.

Uniform

After consulting with parents and students, we are looking to make a few changes to our uniform policy. From September **nose studs will no longer be allowed**. This is due to health and safety issues that have been raised in practical subjects and is not appropriate jewellery to be worn to school now. It is also worth reminding students that extreme hair colours and cuts are also not appropriate for school.

We have also recently consulted on whether to move to smart, formal black shoes to be worn by all students (Years 7-10) from January 2020. As and when your son/daughter requires a new pair of shoes, please purchase smart black shoes. As Year 11 only have 1 term left with from January there will be no expectation to buy shoes for this year group.

The full uniform guide can be seen on our website here: <https://www.asap.org.uk/academy-life/school-uniform/>. Also, coming soon will be advice on where to purchase the best value for money uniform, including smart shoes.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of this term is **Friday 19 July**. This will also be a non-uniform day for students. Donations of £1 will be collected on the door on entry and all money collected will go towards the rewards budget for students next year.

Also, we will be having a special day where all students are in tutor groups for end of term activities, along with celebration assemblies and a whole school BBQ. We will end the day after lunch at **1.45pm** and students will be free to leave for the summer holidays then.

Start of Term Arrangements

The school is open to all students from **Thursday 5 September**. The school will be open for **Year 7 only** on **Wednesday 4 September**. Both days start at the usual time, where we meet on the basketball courts for 8.40am to check in with the tutor.

Finally, I wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. I look forward to welcoming students at the door on their first day back in September.

My very best wishes,



Lee Sargeant
Headteacher