



## All Saints Catholic High School

HEADTEACHER: Mr T McGuinness

19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continual support and active involvement in your child's education during this year. As we know, it is when parents/carers and school staff work together that young people thrive and reach their potential.

This year has been particularly successful for our school. The hard work and commitment of staff and pupils has been recognised in the most recent OFSTED inspection. A summary of the findings are attached and a full copy of the OFSTED report is available on the school website.

Please also find attached the summer school newsletter which provides a summary of the many opportunities provided for the pupils of All Saints.

Staff and Governors are looking forward to the academic year 2016/17. We believe it will provide the school with the opportunity to build on its strengths. A key focus will be placed on standards; maintaining high standards is the key to enabling all our pupils to adopt good habits for life. I would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils and parents of our expectation.

### **Mobile Phones**

From September the use of mobile phones will no longer be permitted from 8:50 am to 3:00 pm. Pupils found using mobile phones during the school day will have them confiscated and returned at 3:30 pm. If in an emergency you need to contact your child then please contact the year group office.

### **Uniform & Equipment**

- All pupils are expected to wear black, polishable shoes to school. We do not accept any type of trainers, canvas shoes, pumps or fashion shoes that have logos or stripes (please see attached communication).
- Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not accepted in school. Pupils should not wear outdoor coats inside the building.
- Facial piercings – girls and boys are permitted to have one stud ear piercing only. Any other type on nose, lip or cheek piercing will need to be removed.

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- Ties must show the school badge below the knot and collars should be buttoned at the top.
- Every student is expected to bring the basic items of equipment to school every day in order to take part fully in learning. They should bring their equipment and school planner in a bag.
- Hair should be of a natural colour
- Make up, false eye lashes and nail polish are not permitted

### Attendance

- We are pleased that our overall attendance has increased significantly this year, but there are still many pupils whose attendance falls well below the minimum expected 95%. I would like to stress the importance of full attendance in school and that unnecessary absences are seriously damaging to a child meeting his or her academic potential.

### Punctuality

- The vast majority of students attend school every day. All students must be on-site and either going to assembly or attending registration on time. Punctuality is a key skill for life and every college and employer will ask for this information in a reference, so we are asking for parents support in ensuring that your child attends on time and is in their form room or assembly before the bell at 8:50am each day.

May I conclude with a personal thanks for your ongoing support. I hope you and your family enjoy the summer break and I look forward to working with you next term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A McGuinness', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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## Autumn Term

Detailed below are the start times for each year group. All pupils will assemble in the atrium at the appropriate time. Following my address, they will go to their tutorial base where they will be given their timetables, and school routines will be outlined.

Year 7	9:00 am – 12:00 pm		Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
Year 8	9:30 am – 12:00 pm		
Year 9	12:30 am – 3:00 pm		
Year 10	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm		
Year 11	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm		
Year 12/13	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm		

Please note the first two staff inset days : Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Term dates 2016/2017

Autumn term 2016 Opens Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Closes Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Half Term 2016 Closes Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Opens Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Spring Term 2017 Opens Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Closes Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Half Term Closes 2017 Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Opens Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Summer Term Opens Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Closes Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Half term Closes Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Opens Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017	

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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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Brands such as Vans, Converse, Nike, Cruyff, Adidas, Bambooa, Melissa & Vivienne Westwood are not acceptable as school footwear.

## UNIFORM

High standards of personal appearance and dress are encouraged. A pupil in full school uniform not only gives a child a sense of identity with the school, but also improves their self-esteem and confidence.

Co-operation and firm guidance from parents is needed to ensure that pupils attend school properly dressed. Jewellery or make-up must not be worn and hair must be of a natural colour. The clothing required is listed below and may be obtained from Kids Kirkby.

### **BOYS**

Blazer

V-neck, navy blue pullover with school crest

Pale blue shirt (Years 7 and 8) (A short sleeved shirt of appropriate colour may be worn in Summer).

White shirt (Years 9, 10 and 11)

School tie with crest (Years 7 to 9)

School tie with crest and gold stripe (Year 10 & 11)

Black or very dark grey trousers

Black socks

Black shoes

**Blazers are compulsory** but a waterproof coat may be worn in addition if required; it should be dark coloured; **hooded tops are not allowed.**

PE Kit: The school kit is also available from Kids Kirkby.

Indoor PE Kit: navy sport shirt, navy shorts, and navy socks, clean training shoes or pumps. It is important for your child to bring a bag big enough for them to fit their kit in, and also a towel. Your child will also need enough room in their bag for other essential school equipment.

Outdoor PE Kit: Same as the indoor kit, however your child will be allowed to wear a tracksuit/jumper in the event of poor weather conditions. No baseball caps or hoodies will be allowed. Pupils need to take responsibility when on the field for their hygiene. In the event of poor weather pupils will need a towel and dry clothing to change back into. Football boots and shin pads are essential to the boys who will be participating in football and rugby on the school field.

### **GIRLS**

Blazer

V-neck, navy blue pullover with school crest.

Pale blue shirt (Years 7 and 8)

School tie with crest (Years 7 and 8)

White open necked shirt (Years 9, 10 and 11)

Navy blue pleated skirt or a pinafore (must be knee length)

Navy blue socks or tights

Black shoes

Indoor PE Kit: navy sport shirt, navy shorts, and navy socks, clean training shoes or pumps. It is important for your child to bring a bag big enough for them to fit their kit in,

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Outdoor PE Kit: Same as the indoor kit, however your child will be allowed to wear a tracksuit/jumper in the event of poor weather conditions. No hats or hoodies will be allowed. Please ensure your child brings a towel and dry clothing when having PE lesson outdoors.

Uniform should be smart and sensible.

All items of **uniform and equipment must be marked clearly** with pupils' names, and lost property should be reported promptly to Form Tutors or another teacher should the Form Tutor be unavailable.

## **EQUIPMENT**

All pupils are expected to be equipped with:-

Pens

Pencils

Coloured pencils

Ruler

Calculator – Casio scientific

Eraser

A bag to carry homework and equipment

A pupil planner (to be provided by the school).

An appropriate reading book

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In addition if any pupil does bring any personal items to school then it is done so at their own risk, the school will not accept any responsibility for any loss/theft. We would advise that any item brought on site should be adequately insured whilst any particularly expensive items should not be brought in at all.

## **PUPILS' PROPERTY**

Pupils should take great care of their own property as neither the school nor the Local Authority can accept responsibility for losses.

Large sums of money should not be brought into school and money or valuables should never be left unattended in changing rooms or coat pockets.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below some of the key quotes from our recent Ofsted Inspection.

- "Under the headteacher's effective leadership, the school has travelled a considerable distance in a short time. Particularly impressive is the way he has taken the whole of the school community with him on this journey of improvement."
- "The headteacher has high expectations of everyone within the school community."
- "The quality of teaching, behaviour and pupils' achievement have all improved."
- "The school's nurturing ethos creates an environment in which pupils feel safe, are happy and can thrive."
- "Pupils behave extremely well around the school. They are polite and friendly. In lessons pupils typically show respect for their teachers and peers."
- "Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are supported well to fulfil their potential."
- "Sixth form students benefit from high quality provision that is both inclusive and aspirational."
- "The work the school does to keep its pupils safe is of a high standard."
- "Governors are highly committed. The governing body provides effective challenge and support."
- "Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a high priority for leaders and is at the heart of the ethos of the school."
- "Leaders work closely with partner primary schools to ensure that pupils can make the transition from Year 6 successfully."

**(OFSTED July 2016)**

The full report is available from our website, and hard copies are available from the school office if you would like to collect one.

Yours sincerely

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