



St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Arrangements for start of term and 'Uniform Guide'

As we reach the end of the summer term, we have much to celebrate this academic year. Our termly INSIGHT newsletter will have provided you with full reports of the many wonderful events that have happened recently.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies. We feel consistency is crucial and as such, I am contacting you to ensure we achieve this going forward in September. In addition to looking forward to the summer holidays, I am fully aware most of you will spend some time sourcing uniform and equipment for your children. Before doing this can I encourage all of you to refer to [the school website](#), which highlights our uniform policy in detail and gives suggestions on what is and what is not appropriate. In particular, please remember, our students are expected to wear 'leather' school shoes as opposed to trainers. We appreciate that school shoes are very expensive, but we have had many issues in the past with parents spending a lot of money on footwear that does not support our expectations. We are very proud of our school and what it stands for and of the efforts and achievements of our students, firmly believing that having consistently high expectations of uniform, behaviour, being equipped and attending regularly gives all of our students every opportunity of learning well and achieving their potential. I very much look forward to seeing our students looking incredibly smart in September.

The term for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 begins at 8.50am on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. Following their sixth form induction on Friday 6th September, Year 12 will commence lessons on Monday 9th September. You will find more detailed information about [next year's term dates](#) on the school website.

On the first day back for all students they will be issued with a student planner where they will be expected to record details of homework, parents' evenings etc. As parents your role is to check this weekly. Students will also be issued with a personal timetable, details of which should be recorded in their planner.

Please be aware that arrangements for Free School Meals and School Transport are administered directly by the local authority. If you do have a query, please telephone Newport City Council's Contact Centre on (01633) 656656 and ask for the Housing Benefit's Team. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals or qualify for free transport, then please enquire. You can also apply on-line via www.newport.gov.uk. If you qualify and are eligible, you could save approximately £600 on the cost of meals over the duration of the year and approximately £300 on transport costs. In addition to this, the school is grant funded directly via Welsh Government for each pupil in receipt of free school meals and this money is spent on the children.

Thank you for your continued support, and I very much look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your considerable support throughout this academic year. As much as we make certain that our students gain the qualifications that they need for the next stage of their life, we are equally focused on making certain that our students have the character that we know they also need to succeed. Hard work, determination, resilience, and creativity are qualities we value highly, alongside good manners, respect, and the ability to empathise with others. It is these uncompromising expectations, which allow all our students at St Joseph's RC High School to achieve beyond their potential.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back at the start of our new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Jarrett
Headteacher

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