



All Saints'

Roman Catholic High School,
A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. We are incredibly proud of the improvements that have been made across the school and, as we continue to build on these successes, maintaining consistently high standards in every aspect of school life remains a key priority.

We recognise that the summer holidays are an important time for families to prepare for September. We therefore wanted to provide you with as much notice as possible regarding our uniform and equipment expectations to allow plenty of time to purchase any items that may be required.

School Uniform

Following the recent changes to the Department for Education's statutory guidance on school uniform, we have reviewed our expectations to ensure they remain both affordable for families and reflective of the high standards we expect from all students.

From September 2026, the only compulsory branded uniform items will be:

- School jumper
- School tie
- School skirt
- PE top

All other uniform items may be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet the school's published uniform expectations.

School Shoes

From September, all students will be expected to wear plain black school shoes.

Introducing a consistent expectation for school shoes is part of our continued work to promote high standards, readiness to learn and a strong sense of belonging within our school community. School shoes are designed to provide appropriate support and durability for a full school day and help ensure that all students present themselves smartly and consistently. This expectation also removes uncertainty around what constitutes acceptable footwear and helps us apply our uniform policy fairly and consistently for all students.

Equipment Expectations

Being fully equipped is an essential part of being ready to learn. Every lesson counts and having the correct equipment enables students to engage immediately without disruption to their own learning or that of others.

Every student must bring the following equipment to school each day:

- A school bag
- Black or blue pen(s)
- Pencil
- Ruler

Students may also wish to bring additional stationery such as coloured pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a scientific calculator to support their learning.

Jewellery, Nails and Piercings

To maintain a safe and professional learning environment, we would also like to remind parents of our expectations regarding jewellery and personal appearance.

Students may wear:

- Two small stud earrings in each ear
- Short, natural nails
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The following are **not permitted**:

- Hoop earrings
- Facial or body piercings
- False eyelashes
- Acrylic, gel or false nails
- Excessively long nails

These expectations help to ensure the safety of all students, particularly during practical lessons and PE, while also maintaining a smart and purposeful learning environment.

Working Together

A consistent approach to uniform and equipment helps create a culture where students are proud to belong to All Saints'. Research consistently shows that clear expectations around uniform, presentation and preparedness contribute to a positive learning environment, reduce distractions and allow students to focus fully on their education.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to communicate with families before the end of term and throughout the summer holidays to provide reminders and further guidance where needed. Our aim is to ensure that every family has sufficient notice and support so that all students return in September fully prepared for a successful start to the new academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every student arrives each day ready to learn, ready to succeed and proud to represent our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lord
Headteacher