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All Saints'
Roman Catholic High School,
A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank parents, staff, pupils and governors for your support this academic year. My secondment at All Saints' is shortly coming to an end for both myself and Mr Wilson.

I would also like to remind you of a number of important things for September. We want the school to get off to a good start by ensuring all pupils are in correct uniform and PE kit. The suppliers for uniform are Amin's, 81-83 Bank Street, Rawtenstall or Ann's School wear, 5a Union Street, Bacup.

Over the last few years footwear has been a cause for concern, so as well as black school shoes our policy will allow Nike Air Force 1, all black trainers or similar all leather black trainers with no coloured logo's. Can we also remind you that girls and boys can wear school trousers that are not tight fitting. We are aware that skirts are being rolled up at the waist band and pupils advise the skirts are designed too big, if this is the case we would prefer trousers to be worn. Skirts should not be rolled up and should be of knee length.

No make-up and jewellery is also allowed and one stud in lower lobe only. No facial or tongue piercings are allowed. Mrs Lord will expect the same high standards as we have done this year, so please support her and the school leadership team from the start and throughout the school year. Pupils show they are proud of the school and themselves when they are wearing uniform as it is designed and it gives good first impressions that is not compromised by fashion clothing.

Attendance and punctuality are an ongoing concern. We are aware that over the last twelve months there have been legitimate reasons for punctuality due to buses, roadworks and repairs and maintenance throughout the Valley. However, lots of pupils regularly arrive late to school with no legitimate reasons, if this is your child, this needs to improve in September and we ask for your full support.

This year pupils were taught in mixed ability groups in all subjects and set groups in English and maths only in Key Stage 3 (Y7, Y8 and Y9). From September all pupils in Key Stage 3 will be taught in groups in all subjects but remain in mixed ability in form classes.

As a result of a recent curriculum review:

English will have eight lessons over two weeks rather than the seven lessons currently. History and Geography will have four lessons over two weeks rather than the current three. Spanish will have four lessons instead of the current five. Design Technology / Food Technology / Art will be taught as a rotation and have 2 lessons in Y7 and Y8 but 3 lessons in Y9. Science will have 6 lessons in Y 8 and Y9 and 7 lessons in Y7, currently 6 lessons. Maths will have 7 lessons in Y7 and Y9 and 8 lessons in Y8, currently 7 lessons. Please see the school website for the curriculum overview and implications for school.

Pupils in Y9 moving to Y10 in September have enjoyed a 'free' option choice system which is based on pupils following courses based on their choices and not school pre-defined option blocks

We are excited about our brand-new build. We await approval from Rossendale Borough Council in September. When the building does start, please be aware that there will be disruption to access to the school, we will keep you informed as much as possible.

Please can pupils continue to be dropped off and collected on Haslingden Road near to the pupil access gate and away from the neighbouring houses. Recently we have had a number of complaints from residents on Haslingden Road that parents are not following this. Pupils with mobility issues will continue to have a pass to access the school car park to drop off and pick up and will continue as currently operating.

As a result of the recent support staff review we will have five pastoral leaders in September:

- Year 7 – Mrs Barlow
- Year 8 – Mr Farley / Miss Broderick
- Year 9 – Miss Morgan
- Year 10 – Mrs Robinshaw
- Year 11 – Mrs Starkie

We will also have a designated attendance officer – Mrs Doody, School Operations Manager - Mrs Hodson and Senior Site Supervisor - Mr Grcar.

- New Teachers to school -
- Lead Teacher of Geography - Mr Corrigan
 - Science Teacher - Mrs Khan
 - Science Teacher - Miss Campbell
 - Cover Supervisor - Mrs Coates
 - Cover Supervisor - Miss White

Mr Wilson will return to All Saints' as curriculum leader of maths 2 days per week and Mrs Cook will be teaching three days in the Maths department.

- New Support Staff
- Teaching Assistant - Mrs Begum
 - Teaching Assistant - Mrs Stuart

We say Thank You and best wishes for the future to Mrs Miller, Mr Charnley and Mrs Denikiewicz

I would like to thank Mr Wilson for working with and alongside me as Head of School. It has been a pleasure to work with him again. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and all the best for the future. Thank you for all your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr X Bowers
Executive Headteacher

