



St. Katherine's School



30 August 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you and your families well and no doubt we are all ready for school routines to recommence. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back next week. Please find below some information to ensure a smooth return to school:

**When is my child returning to school?**

**Monday 2 September: INSET day**

**Tuesday 3 September: INSET day**

The return to school will be staggered:

Date of Return	Year group to return	Time
Wednesday 4 September	7, 11, 12 and 13 only	Through the gates by 8:30
Thursday 5 September	All year groups 7-13	

**Wednesday 4th September – Year 7, 11, 12 and Year 13 only**

**Year 7:** We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at 8:30am and go to the Top Court where they will be welcomed by staff. Students will have an extended tutor time at the start of the day to answer any questions and help them settle in. From period 2, Year 7 students will have their first lessons. During the first week students will have their school photograph taken and biometrics will be set up for the canteen system for those for whom we have permission.

**Years 11, 12 and 13:** Students should arrive on site by 8:30 and make their way to their tutor rooms. An extended tutor time will take place until the end of period 1 and normal lessons will resume from period 2. Year 12 students will have photographs taken over the course of the first week.

**Thursday 5 September - All Years**

**All years:** We ask that all year groups are on site by 8:30 for registration at 8:35. Students should go directly to their tutor groups. There will be an extended tutor time until the end of period 1 after which normal lessons will resume.

**Please find below information that will support you and your child(ren) through the remainder of the school year:**

**School calendar:** You will find dates of parent/carers evenings in our weekly communication to parents/carers sent via ParentPay every Friday. A summary of Term 1 is below. INSET days and school holidays can be seen on our [website](#).

**School day:** The school day begins at 8:30 (registers at 8:35) and ends at 3:05. If your child walks, cycles or is driven to school, please encourage them to leave the house promptly so that they arrive at school on time.

**Mobile phones: 'not seen not heard':** We are a phone-free site and any phone seen or heard is confiscated until the end of the following school day.. Thank you for your support with this. There have been some incidents when parents/carers have contacted children directly on their mobile phone during the school day. This undermines our policy and leads to phones being confiscated in school. Please use the school reception to contact your child during the school day if urgent.

**Uniform:** For years 7-11, all students should have the following items of uniform:

- Black school shoes (not trainers)
- Gray tailored trousers/shorts or Monkhouse skirt (not jeans, lycra or leggings).
- White shirt
- School tie
- Blazer

Students should not bring expensive items of jewellery to school with them. Students may wear a single stud in each ear and we do not allow facial piercings. If your child has had nail extensions over the summer holiday, please ensure these are removed before the return to school.

**Equipment list for all students:**

- Black pens
- Green pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler (30cm),
- Protractor,
- Glue stick.
- Pencil case
- Planner (supplied through school),
- Reading book,
- Scientific calculator (the Aurora Dot Matrix scientific calculator is the best value that we are aware of and is available online)

We look forward to welcoming students next week and I hope your families enjoy the final few days of the summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Justin Humphreys  
**Headteacher**



UPCOMING EVENTS	
2 Sep	INSET DAY
3 Sep	INSET DAY
4 Sep	Start of term for year groups Y7, Y11, Y12, Y13
5 Sep	Start of term for all year groups
10 Sep	0835-1505 Sixth form team building day, Sixth form block & top field
11 Sep	1800-1830 Y7-11 parent/carer information evening, virtual
12 Sep	0835-1505 Y9 Future Brunels, WECA activity day
18 Sep	1800-1830 Y12&Y13 parent/carer information evening, in person
19 Sep	0835-1505 Y8 Future Brunel, WECA activity day
19 Sep	1900-2130 Sports Award evening, Canteen
20 Sep	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
26 Sep	1600-2030 Open Evening, school closed at 1230
27 Sep	INSET DAY
1 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Bristol Harbourside - Human Field work
1 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
2 Oct	0835-1505 Y11 Middle Hope - Physical field work
3 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
4 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
4 Oct	0830-1000 Coffee with the Headteacher
8 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning

10 Oct	0835-1505 Hello Yellow, Mental Health Day
10 Oct	0835-1505 Y10, Y11 The Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace
10 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
11 Oct	0835-1505 Y7 tutor group, Sugar Loaf trip
15 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
16 Oct	1700-1800 Y11 Parent/Carer supporting through exams evening
17 Oct	0900-1100 Open morning
23 Oct	1600-1900 Parents/carers - Y7 Pastoral check in with Tutors, Virtual
25 Oct	END OF TERM 1

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