



Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 10

I can't quite believe that we are now entering our fourth week of being back to school, how quickly time has gone. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our students back and return to some kind of normal pattern of learning. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support, working with us to ensure that the transition from remote learning during lockdown to a new normal in school was successful. It has been wonderful to see our classrooms and outdoor spaces filled with students engaged, making great starts to the GCSE courses and having fun.

I would also like draw your attention to our parent / carer tutor evenings which are being held over two evenings on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October 2020. You will have the opportunity during these times to meet virtually with your child's tutor; this will allow you to see how the first month has gone for your child and also to ask any questions that you may have. Please make an appointment for this through our online parents evening system where you will be able to pick a time slot that is suitable.

Regarding our expectations, again thank you for sending your child in with the correct equipment ensuring they are prepared for learning; it makes such a difference. Where we are unable to lend students equipment please do make sure they have spares should they need it. May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the school's expectation regarding uniform, all of which can be found in the school uniform code.

Piercings - one stud per earlobe is allowed, but no other visible piercings. This includes but is not limited to; nose, lip, eyebrow and tongue piercings. Lobe stretching in the form of flesh-lobes, flesh tunnels or flesh plugs are unacceptable. Allowance will not be made for recent additional piercings (i.e. a student needing to keep an additional piercing in place in the early stages of healing). This includes clear or 'see-through' retainers.

Skirts - Regulation black knee length school skirt in non-stretch material; A Line or pleated as supplied by our outfitters.

Haircuts – Conventional style and natural looking colour. If in doubt, check in advance of having a significant change in style or colour. Hair must be no shorter than Grade 2 everywhere, no tramlines or markings cut into the hair. The school will decide on the acceptability of styles.

Shoes - Traditional black school shoes. No trainers of any description or colour are allowed. Please see the uniform policy available on the school website for further details.



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Make up - Discreet make up is allowed but no coloured nail varnish. Acrylic nails are not allowed in school. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make up or nail varnish, or false nails.

On days where your child has PE and they are wearing their St. Edward's PE kit, please remember that they can wear plain black or blue joggers if needed. However, the only hoodie that may be worn is the St Edward's PE hoodie.

Can you ensure that your child is now bringing a mask with them to school; it is now compulsory (unless they are exempt) that students carry a mask with them at all times, it is not mandatory for students to wear one at present, they can if they wish, but we do expect them to have one with them. It is important we have these high expectations of students and having your help with that is much appreciated.

As we are aware the virus is far from behind us, and we do have plans in place to provide online learning for students should we return to a local lockdown, or if we need to isolate certain year groups.

Finally, I should wish to assure you that all the staff at St Edward's will continue to work conscientiously with you and your children to ensure they reach their full potential both inside and outside of the classroom making them ready for their next steps in education.

If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

We appreciate your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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