

Friday 17 July 2020

Dear Parents

Summer 2020 – Arrangements for September

As another academic year draws to a close, I think it is safe to say we have never experienced another one quite like it! The whole community has faced a range of difficult challenges and I am proud of the efforts and positive attitude of all sections of our school community during this period. It has been wonderful to see how we have been able to come together and keep the school open to everyone in different ways despite the lockdown. This is a credit to the spirit and optimism of everyone – RUAH in action!

I am very much looking forward to September when the government has said that we will be able to reopen, with strict safety rules in place, to all our students. With that in mind I would like to share our plans, which, given the changing nature of the pandemic and of government advice, can only be fully confirmed at the end of August.

Arrangements for September

The start of next term will see a phased return to school for all our students. It will be done in this way to ensure that we support them to reintegrate successfully and safely back into school life after the lockdown period. For children in years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, this means that they will start attending school in the week beginning **Monday 7 September 2020**. Exact dates and times for each year group will be confirmed when I write to you with full details of our Covid-19 safety plans towards the end of August. I hope you will understand that sending out details now, when plans could change subject to the wider situation in the country, would not be helpful.

Please note during that first week back students will be working from home on some days while we reintroduce students from other year groups back into school routines. Live lessons will be provided on our Microsoft Teams platform for this period so that students will not miss out on their education. I was delighted with the levels of engagement that our online learning generated this term and I am sure that this will continue in the new academic year.

Standards of uniform and personal presentation

As you will be aware, we set high expectations around uniform and personal presentation and this will be no different in September. Details of our uniform policy can be found on the [school website](#). I would like to remind parents and pupils that jewellery and extreme hairstyles are not permitted. If your child is planning to have a new piercing or a different summer haircut, please ensure that these are done early in the holidays so that there are no issues on their return to school.

If you wish to purchase items of uniform during the summer our supplier Schools Uniform Direct can be contacted online at www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk.

Healthy eating

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We will continue to promote healthy lifestyles with our students and consequently will not allow them to bring sugary or fizzy drinks, biscuits, sweets, and crisps into school on their return. Please note that if found these items will be confiscated and not returned. When your child brings a packed lunch in to school please ensure that they only bring small, healthy snacks.

Mobile phone policy

Our school's mobile phone policy remains that pupils should not have their phones out or use them during the day unless asked to do so by a member of staff. Please note that if a student is seen with their phone out (or is using them with headphones which are visible) staff will confiscate them and the phone/headphones will only be returned after the student has sat a detention that afternoon.

Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (INSET – staff only)
 Year 12 enrolment: Thursday 3rd September 2020
 Y7, 13 start: Friday 4th September 2020
 School starts for y8-12: **Week beginning Monday 7th September 2020** (details tbc in August)
 Academic Review day: Friday 18th September 2020
 Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday, 30th October 2020
 INSET day: Friday 4 December 2020 (INSET - staff-only)
 Term ends: Friday 18th December 2020 (12.45pm finish)

Spring Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2021 (Staff INSET)
 Students return: Tuesday 5th January 2021
 Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021
 INSET day: Wednesday 3rd March 2021 (INSET - staff-only)
 Term ends: Wednesday 31st March 2021 (early finish)

Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19th April 2021
 Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
 Term ends: Friday 23rd July 2021 (early finish)

Staff changes

Inevitably there are staff changes at the end of an academic year, and I would like to publicly thank those staff who are moving on this summer and to welcome those who are joining our growing school!

Leavers		New staff	
Teaching staff	Department	Teaching staff	Department
Mr Obah	Science	Mr Chikunga	Maths
Ms Blandford	PE	Mr Davison	Social Science
Mr Sear	Science	Ms Igbokwe	Maths
Mr Annan	Science	Ms Iwobi	PE
Ms Akinjobi	Maths	Ms Maimouni	Science
Ms Castellino	Italian	Ms Martin	English
Support staff		Ms Msanide	Science
Ms Williams	Ms Zabinska	Mr Shaw	Science
Ms Selva	Mr Dixon-Eno	Ms Stooke	Science
Mr Vieira	Ms Ewusi	Mrs Di Battista	Italian

I would like to offer my personal thanks to Mr Obah who, as many of you will know, has been at St John Bosco College since we opened in 2011 and was at Salesian College before that. He has been a huge presence amongst the staff and students and whilst we will miss him, we are also very excited that he is going to take up a promotion in his new school. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him well.

Finally

I am mindful that it has been a particularly difficult year for all of you and that the continuing pandemic, and associated economic worries, continue to pose challenges for us all. I am reassured however, by the sense of community and togetherness that the past few months have highlighted. For this reason, I remain optimistic about the future for all of our school community and your children in particular and am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back in the Autumn.

In the meantime, have a lovely summer. Stay safe and well.

With best wishes



Paul Dunne
Headteacher