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Dear parent/carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child into our All Saints community in September. Hopefully this letter will help to address any questions or concerns you may have about starting in September.

All Year 7 students start on Tuesday 7th September at 8:30am. We recommend students begin arriving from 8:15am to ensure they are ready to begin on time. The day will finish at 2:50pm, which is the time they will finish school every day, giving them time to participate in our wide range of extracurricular clubs when they begin a few weeks after school resumes. On this first day it will only be Year 7 students in the school. We believe this is really useful in helping them to navigate their way around the school and meet all of their teachers with no other students in the school. Furthermore, on the first day all students will be provided with a cooked lunch from the school canteen free of charge. After this day students that are not entitled to Free School Meals will either need to bring in packed lunch or buy lunch from the school canteen. Lunch accounts can be topped up online via Parent Pay or the students can top up their account with cash in school. We recommend trying to use Parent Pay to minimise the number of students carrying cash with them to school. On Wednesday 8th September the start and finish time remain the same as the previous day, with only Year 7 and Year 11 students in school. This is again to provide the new students with the chance to get used to the school with less students around.

Our designated uniform provider, Uniform4Kids is now open for business on an appointment only basis. You will need to book online or over the telephone. You can also order the uniform online, please do visit our school website for more information about the purchasing process and a full uniform list. It is vital that uniform is only purchased from this supplier to ensure that all students are wearing the correct uniform. Shoes can be purchased from different suppliers but must be smart, plain black shoes. Boots (including kicker boots), trainers and plimsolls are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural colour and any accessories must be simple and plain. Hair should also not be cut shorter than a Grade 2 and contain no cuts or slits. Please ensure that hair has not been cut too short or dyed just before school begins in September.

At All Saints we operate a no phone policy. This means phones must be turned off at the school gate and remain away until the end of the school day. If phones are seen or heard during the school day they will be confiscated. As a result, it is vital that each student is aware how to turn their phones off and that they are not to use them on the school site.

Included in this welcome pack is a Year 7 Handbook to help understand the systems and processes we use in school. In addition to this we have included a journal for students to use to reflect on their feelings about starting Secondary School, a space to record any preparations being made and details of their hopes for what they will achieve at All Saints.

We will be hosting a Welcome Evening on Thursday 30th September to give you an opportunity to meet and get to know All Saints staff and other Year 7 parents. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, an induction video will be made available on our website as well as lots of other information that you may find useful. We very much look forward to welcoming your child in September, and wish you an enjoyable, restful summer break.

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If you have any questions please email <u>info@allsaintscc.org.uk</u>, this email will be checked periodically throughout the summer break.

God Bless, Mr Forshaw Head of Year 7