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## Return to School September 2024

Dear Families,

I do hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and have been able to enjoy some time together as a family and that your child is well rested and ready for the return to school. I am very much looking forward to welcoming your child next week and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

Please see below some key reminders about the start of term.

### Return to school arrangements

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
  - This will be an INSET day. School is closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
  - We will welcome all of our new Year 7 pupils on Tuesday. Pupils should arrive at school before 8.40am and make their way to the Key Stage 3 yard where they will be greeted by their form tutors and the pastoral team ready to start the day.
  - Year 11 pupils will also be welcomed back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, pupils should arrive at school for **11am**. Pupils should enter via the front plaza PE doors and gather in Saints Cafe.
  - Term begins at **1pm** for all our Year 12 students. Pupils should report to Nichol's Hall via the front plaza PE doors to begin their induction to Sixth Form.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September
  - All other pupils return to school and should arrive, as normal by 8.40am.

### Equipment

Being organised and ready to learn is an important quality of an effective learner. Can I please ask you to ensure that your child is organised and equipped for the return to school. Pupils will need:

- An appropriate school bag to carry books and equipment.
- Black pens (at least two), a pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber and ruler.
- Basic earphones for music lessons
- An apron for technology lessons to protect their clothing.
- PE kit in line with the school uniform policy. Pupils must bring their PE kit on the days they are timetabled for PE lessons.
- All pupils will be issued with school planners and lesson timetables on the first day of term. It is essential that pupils bring their planners to school every day to support with their organisation.

- Mobile phones should be turned off and stored in lockers during the school day.

## Uniform

It is always wonderful to see how smart pupils are at the start of term, and I ask for your support in helping us all to get off to a good start. A few key reminders about uniform:

- Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery. Please ensure that your child is not wearing any jewellery, and in particular any piercings / spacers have been removed should pupils have had their ears pierced over the summer.
- Our Uniform Policy states that pupils should come to school wearing formal **black shoes**. Trainers are not acceptable.
- No extreme hairstyles or lines in hair, no hairstyles shorter than a guard number 2.
- Nails should be short with no nail varnish and false nails are not permitted within school.
- A dark waterproof coat for inclement weather. Leather / Denim jackets or tracksuit tops are not permitted.

We have high standards of dress code at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form. The dress code is based on smart business attire, and students will be provided with a lanyard which must be worn.

A few key reminders about dress code expectations at Sixth Form

- Students are not permitted to wear facial piercings.
- Our dress code policy states that Sixth Form students should have Smart, dress trousers or knee length skirts or dresses. Skirts made of Lycra / stretchy material are not permitted.
- Students should be wearing smart shoes. Trainers are not permitted in Sixth Form.
- Students are not permitted to wear hoodies, sweatshirts or denim jackets for Sixth Form.

## Expectations

I have been very impressed so far with the conduct of pupils that I have encountered at St Wilfrid's. I look forward to maintaining high expectations of all our pupils, both in terms of their attitudes to their studies and their behaviour around school.

Here at St Wilfrid's, we focus very much on teaching pupils how to behave in the right way and to make the right choices. At times, pupils can make mistakes or poor choices. Sanctions are used as a tool to ensure that pupils understand what is right and wrong and to provide opportunities to reflect on the choices that they have made. It is important that sanctions take place in a timely fashion so that pupils see link between their behaviour choices and the consequences, therefore we will aim to ensure that detentions take place on the same day as the behaviour choices and will focus on restorative conversations as part of the sanction.

I ask for the support of all our families with this and encourage you discuss your child's behaviour with them, if required. If it has been necessary to issue your child with a same day detention, then families will be notified no later than 2.10pm that day. Detentions will last between 30-90 minutes.

## Curriculum

At St Wilfrid's we very much value the important role that families play in your child's educational journey. We have an exciting and ambitious year ahead planned for your child's curriculum in each of our subject areas.

Please do take some time to familiarise yourself with the curriculum your child will be learning. Looking at this alongside your child can be a positive way to discuss their school life and show your interest in their education.

Details of this can be found on our website: <https://www.st-wilfrids.org/curriculum/>

### **Key Dates**

Please find attached a list of key dates for your diary.

I hope that you all enjoy the final few days of the summer break and return to school ready for another fantastic year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Lennox  
Head Teacher



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### Key dates for families 2024-25

*Please be aware that at times we need to amend these dates. We will highlight any changes to you across the year.*

#### Term dates

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1	03/09/24	24/10/24
Autumn 2	04/11/24	20/12/24 (12:10 finish)
Spring 1	06/01/25	21/02/25
Spring 2	03/03/25	11/04/25 (12:10 finish)
Summer 1	28/04/25	23/05/25
Summer 2	02/06/25	17/07/25 (12:10 finish)

#### School training days (INSET) - no students in school

Term	Training day date
Autumn 1	02/09/24
Autumn 1	25/10/24
Summer 2	04/07/25

#### Parents' evenings

Year group	Date	Time
7	07/11/24	2:30pm-6pm
8	23/10/24	2:30pm-6pm
9	19/03/25	2:30pm-6pm
10	08/07/25	2:30pm-6pm
11	20/01/25	2:30pm-6pm
12	26/11/24	3:30pm-6pm
13	08/01/25	3:30pm-6pm

#### Parent information events

Year group	Date	Time
9 (Options Evening)	13/03/25	6pm-7pm
11 (Sixth form open evening)	21/11/24	6pm-8pm
12	15/05/25	5:30pm-6:30pm

## Exams for KS4 and KS5

Year group	Dates of 1st mock period	Dates of 2nd mock period	Summer external exams*
11	21/10/24 - 08/11/24	10/02/25 – 21/02/25	May & June [TBC]
13	21/10/24 - 08/11/24	10/02/25 – 21/02/25	May & June [TBC]

\*Please note the external exam timetable for Summer 2025 is still in a provisional format with contingency dates yet to be confirmed

## End of year assessments

Year Group	Dates of assessments
Years 7/8/9	02/06/25 – 13/06/25
Year 10	19/06/25 – 27/06/25
Year 12	06/05/25 – 16/05/25

## Work Experience

Year Group	Dates
Year 10	07/07/2025 - 11/07/2025
Year 12	03/03/2025 – 07/03/2025