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# ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Spring term will finish on Friday 4 April with a staggered dismissal at the following times for students:

- Years 10 and 11 11.30am
- Years 7, 8 and 9 11.45am

There will be no Restaurant sitting that day but a meal will be provided to all students who are eligible for free school meals before they leave.

Please remind your child of the importance of going straight home once they have been dismissed.

**All students will return for the summer term on Tuesday 22 April at the later time of 10.30am.**

The mindset for school and academic success needs to be built into the preparations you can make ahead of sending your child back to school after the Easter break. I have made a note of a few key things that can make the difference for when your child returns to school:

- Students should be smartly turned out in full uniform with all items clearly labelled. Hoodies are forbidden in school and should not be worn either under or over a blazer. A school coat is the appropriate top layer. Please note that we have reminded students many times this term that these items will be confiscated according to the school policy. Please ensure that your child is reminded that, should they choose to wear a hoodie, it will be confiscated.
- If your child is feeling cold during the school day, then they should layer a plain white T-shirt or vest under their shirts, wear a school jumper and then wear their blazer. The heating is on in the school. The top layer should be a coat when outside the school building. If it is raining lightly or likely to rain on a school day, please ensure your child brings a coat so that they can access the outdoor time during lunch. Only medical notes from a GP will provide exemption for students from the rule on coats in the building.
- Students should be bringing a filled water bottle to school every day. There is access to fountains to refill. This saves you money and protects the earth's resources in terms of waste.
- Students should ideally be on site by about 8.10am at the latest. This will ensure they are on time for school. The school gate closes at 8:20am each day. Students then line up as form groups. This is the point at which uniform standards are checked and that all students prepare to be ready for their day. If your child is late, they will receive a sanction.
- Plain black socks or plain white socks are the only socks permitted.
- Snoods/masks can be worn to and from school for warmth but **not** on site as these hide students' identity around the school. If a mask is needed in the school day it will need to be a medical standard / NHS mask. Logos on masks have meant masks have lost their medical reason and have become a fashion item.
- Jewellery, makeup, false eyelashes, nail extensions and piercings are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them or lose the opportunity to learn in the classroom. Please also remind your child that 'sagging' of trousers is not allowed.
- Chewing gum is not permitted.



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The return to school will see a refresh on the day-to-day routines which I know support an effective learning environment. Please check that your child has their learning kit on the table showing they have everything they need for learning.

***Learning Kit should include:***

1. Pens - Black, Red and Green ideally
2. Pencil and eraser
3. Ruler, protractor, compass
4. Plain, clear pencil case - but students may bring ones they have already unless in an exam.

I do hope that you have a lovely break over the coming two weeks. Thank you for the continued support that you have given the school over the last term and for all the encouragement you give your child to participate in school life, support learning and instil the values we share as a community. Please keep all members of the community in your prayers, especially our Year 11 students as they prepare themselves for public exams.

Wishing you a happy, holy and joy-filled Easter,



**Mrs S Ward**  
**Principal**