



21 August 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well and enjoying the summer break.

I would like to confirm the arrangements for the start of the new academic year as outlined in my end of term letter to you dated 13 July.

The new term will start on the following days for each year group:

Tuesday 5 Sept	Year 11 <b>ONLY</b>	8.20am - 12.20pm
Wednesday 6 Sept	Year 11 and Year 7	8.20am - 2.20pm (normal finishing time for Wednesdays)
Thursday 7 Sept	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	8.20am - 3.10pm
Friday 8 Sept	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	8.20am - 3.10pm

Every student will receive a new School Planner on their first day in school. This is an essential piece of school equipment which students are expected to have with them at all times. Replacement School Planners are priced at £10. It contains useful information both for parents/carers and students and although I appreciate you will be familiar with its contents, it would be advisable to revisit it with your child. It would be very helpful if you and your child read sections of it together, especially pages 1 – 42. There are sections of the new School Planner which you will be required to complete/sign by **Monday 11 September:**

- Page 1: Emergency Contacts
- Page 3: Emergency Contacts (Duplicate page for your child's Form Tutor to retain)
- Page 5: Home School Agreement
- Page 36/37: ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Page 39: Use of Images Consent Form

It is the students' responsibility to ensure that their uniform is prepared and suitable for their return to school in September; please revisit the Academy Uniform Policy with your child to ensure that they have the required equipment and uniform.

<https://stpaulsacademy.org.uk/about-the-school/information/policy-statements>

Please also ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled. If you do need to purchase items of school uniform, you will be able to do so via the online uniform shop, which can be accessed via the Academy website. You will be contacted when your child's uniform is ready for collection. If you would like to contact the school uniform shop directly, please e-mail:

[spa.shop@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:spa.shop@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk)



Students should ensure that they are fully equipped to start back at school in September with the following equipment:

- Reusable water bottle (filled at home)
- Reading Book
- Learning kit with stationery and Maths equipment
- Swipe Card
- School Planner

*Each student will be given a new Planner on their first day and must ensure it is carried with them at all times.*

I would like to remind you that we have a non-negotiable policy with regard to:

- The wearing of jewellery, apart from a plain wristwatch.
- The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes.
- Extreme hairstyles and hair that is not a natural hair colour, including hair extensions.
- The use of mobile phones in school. All devices must be switched off on arrival and kept in students' school bags.
- Piercings: All piercings are to be removed on school days, including on the journey to and from the Academy.

Please see the Academy website for term and holiday dates for the next academic year. This information will also be in your child's School Planner. Please also check the Academy website regularly for updates and important information: [www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk)

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year:

Year 8:	Miss Price	<a href="mailto:rebecca.price@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk">rebecca.price@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk</a>
Year 9:	Mr Meade	<a href="mailto:joe.meade@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk">joe.meade@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk</a>
Year 10:	Mr O'Sullivan	<a href="mailto:kieran.osullivan@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk">kieran.osullivan@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk</a>
Year 11:	Mr Curtis	<a href="mailto:james.curtis@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk">james.curtis@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk</a>

I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of the summer break and your child is preparing themselves academically for the return to school using the advice given to Year 9 and 10 at the Parents' Consultative Meeting and on the end of year reports for years 7 - 10, in addition to any tasks given by their subject teachers.

With my very best wishes for a very happy and successful new academic year.



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