Holy Family

Roman Catholic and
Church of England College
specialising in Mathematics and Computing
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29th August 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break. Last week we celebrated with our Year 11 cohort who achieved some fantastic GCSE results and we wish them all well on their new ventures.

As we prepare to return to school next week, I just wanted to send out a few reminders.

Students will return to school as follows:

Date	Yr group	Information
Tuesday 5th Sept	Year 7 and Yr 11 in school	Both year groups in school as normal from **8.35am** for the full day until 3.00pm (Year 7 will be allowed to leave at 2.55pm) Students to line up outside on the yard – Year 7: Tennis Courts/ Year 11: Science Yard.
Wednesday 6th Sept	Year 8/9/10 in school	**All 3 year** groups in school as normal from **8.35am** for the full day. Students to line up outside on the yard – Year 8: Lower Yard / Years 9 & 10 on the Science Yard
	Year 7 and 11 in school	Arrive from 10.40am to **period 2 classrooms.** (Staff will be on hand to direct Year 7)
Thurs 7th Sept	All year groups in school as normal all day. To line up in their forms in their outside areas at 8.35am	

General reminders for September

Students should return to school in full school uniform.

Please remind your child that earrings or other piercings are **not permitted in school**. Please be aware that make up, false nails and jewellery of any kind are not part of our school uniform and are not permitted in school.

With regard to hair, please can parents and carers ensure that unnatural dye colours are removed before the start of September to comply with school policy. Similarly, extreme haircuts are not permitted. No patterns or lines are permitted in hair or eyebrows.

Uniform:

Please refer to the information regarding uniform below. A copy of the uniform policy is available on the school website in the parent section – uniform and appearance policy.

Holy Family College : Uniform List 2023.24	
Year 7-10 Boys	**Year 7-10 Girls**
• Black blazer with school badge • Blue school tie with school badge • Plain white shirt fastened to the neck • Black school trousers (**NO** Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). • **Plain black** V-neck jumper (optional) • Plain white or black socks • Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website	• Black blazer with school badge • Blue school tie with school badge • Plain white shirt fastened to the neck • Black pleated school skirt (modest length - please see below for further information) **or** black school trousers (**NO** Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). • **Plain black** V-neck jumper (optional) • Plain white or black socks or plain black tights (no patterned tights) • Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website
Year 11 Boys	**Year 11 Girls**
• Black sweatshirt with school badge • Black school tie • Plain white shirt fastened to the neck • Black school trousers (**NO** Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). • Plain white or black socks • Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website	• Black sweatshirt with school badge • Black school tie • Plain white shirt fastened to the neck • Black pleated school skirt (modest length - please see below for further information) **or** black school trousers (**NO** Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). • Plain white or black socks or plain black tights (no patterned tights) • Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website
PE kit: same for both Boys and Girls	
• Black Polo shirt with school badge • Plain Black shorts (not fitted) / Plain Black leggings • Plain Black football socks • Black Holy Family College Hoodie (optional) PE kit must be plain **(no logos or sports brand).** The PE polo shirt is the only badged item required. Badged items can be purchased at Monkhouses or Moses if preferred but this is not compulsory. Trainers: suitable for multi-sports. They should have good ankle support, rubber grip and cushioned sole. **(no pumps, boots/hi tops, Vans, Converse, Suede fashion trainers etc.)** Further guidance is available in the uniform and appearance policy on the school website – parents section Football boots (boys only) Shin pads when required Mouth guards (recommended for both sexes during hockey lessons). A towel and change of underwear may also be necessary after games and barefoot activities. Students, whilst not required to, are given the opportunity to shower after each lesson on request.	

Please note the following:

Skirt length - **A black pleated** school skirt must be worn to a modest length, no lycra, jersey or mini skirts are permitted This means that skirts should be **no more than two inches above the knee**. Please ensure when purchasing skirts that they are long enough to take into account how the student may grow over the year.

Monkhouse supply skirts of different lengths for each waist size. If your daughter wears a skirt to school please speak to them about not rolling it up. Skirts can be purchased from most supermarkets, there is no longer a requirement to purchase a school skirt from Monkhouses.

(Please refer to the last two pages of this letter for guidance on skirts and shoes).

Where parents/ carers are struggling with uniform please send an email into the admin inbox with your contact details on – **admin@hfch.co.uk.** A member of staff will then get back to you.

Equipment:

All students are expected to have a bag for school and equipment for lessons. This is checked each morning by form tutors. Students are responsible for looking after their own bag during the school day.

A rucksack or shoulder bag is a suitable school bag. Handbags are not. Students should have the following items:

- School log book – given out at the start of the Autumn term
- Pen – Black (more than 1 where possible)*
- Pen – Green*
- Pencil*
- Ruler- 15cm ruler*
- Calculator for Maths - scientific calculator. Recommend Casio. The Maths department have them to buy (Casio fx-83GT for £9)
- Protractor for Maths*
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Case – to keep items in

* = these items can be purchased from the pastoral office at the start of each school day or at break / lunch time.

Contacting the pastoral office: From 1st September 2023 you can contact Pastoral Officers on the following email addresses:

- Mrs Garside (Year 7): lgarside@hfch.co.uk
- Mrs Spivey (Year 8 and 9): kspivey@hfch.co.uk
- Mrs Meuse (Year 10 and 11): jmeuse@hfch.co.uk
- Mr Eaton (Attendance): aeaton@hfch.co.uk

Mobile phones: Parents and carers are reminded that mobile phones are not permitted in school. We accept that students will have their mobile phone with them as they travel to and from school, however it should be switched off as they enter the school site and placed in their bag. The school does not take responsibility for loss or damage to a mobile phone.

Students using a mobile phone in school will have it confiscated and they will be issued with a 20 mins detention at the end of the school day after which their phone will be handed back.

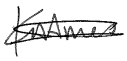
Please note the same applies to students using earpods in the school day.

Attendance: a reminder that our attendance target for 2023.24 for all students at Holy Family College is 97%. **Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by school. Please be aware that fixed penalty fines may be issued if students do not attend school.**

Students arriving late to school, after 8.35am will receive a late mark and a 20 mins lunchtime detention. Where there is persistent lateness to school home will be contacted to discuss how we can work together to ensure students arrive on time.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back for the start of the autumn term.

With kindest regards



Karen Ames
Headteacher

Uniform Guidance - School Skirt: Acceptable style

Permanent pleats



Not acceptable styles: none of the styles below are acceptable as part of the school uniform.

Jersey Skater skirt



Pencil skirt



Pineapple Skater skirt



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Shoes

Acceptable Footwear:



Not Acceptable Footwear:

