



8 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very busy half term it has been! It has been lovely to open the full school up again with students moving around and accessing the full curriculum and clubs.

We have had a number of visitors in over the last two weeks. It was pleasure to hear them talk about excellent behaviour for learning and behaviour at free times. Students were able to confidently articulate their learning and spoke so positively about their teachers and their school. All of these visits are good preparation for a potential Section 8 visit from Ofsted at some point this year. There are always things for us to improve on and two of these areas I really want to tighten up on are consistency with the school uniform and the school detention system.

Uniform

St Paul's school uniform is fairly uncomplicated. It is my expectation that **all** students in Years 7- 11 are wearing the correct school skirt/trousers - pictures of **inappropriate** skirts and trousers are below:



Short stretchy skirt



Jeggings/Leggings



Black Jeans

If your daughter is wearing a skirt/trousers pictured above you will need to replace it with the correct one – pictures below for your reference:



Black straight leg trousers



Colchester Straight Skirt

The St Paul's school skirts can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions in Oadby and trousers can be purchased from almost anywhere. **All** students should be wearing their lanyard. With half term approaching, I expect **all** students to be in the correct uniform **from Monday 25th October**. Any student not currently in the correct school skirt or trousers and/or missing lanyard will receive a text message next week. I am aware some of you have ordered skirts so please disregard the text if you receive one.

Detentions

The system works really well but it does rely on all parents/carers having the SatchelOne app. We use this to inform parents of detentions set as well as a way for you to keep track of your child's homework. I know many of you have the App but if you have not, you will need to download it. Please click on the link below for full instructions:

<https://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk/students/show-my-homework-2/>

if you require another PIN, please contact the school office.

From Monday 25th October, we will no longer use Teachers to Parents to send additional texts about detentions.

Your child should also be using SatchelOne either on their phone or via a tablet/laptop/desktop in order to access their homework. If they get a detention they will also receive an alert.

90% of detentions set are for homework not being completed so can I ask that you support your child and the school in ensuring that homework is completed. It is our expectation that students attend detentions – it is the school's policy. Should your child not attend a C3 detention their Head of Year will be in touch with you to discuss. We should not be having students in isolation because they have failed to attend detentions. You will always get at least 24 hours notice of a detention to allow you to make arrangements for your child to get home. Detentions will now only be rescheduled if the student has study commitments.

Repeated failure to attend detentions will result in a fixed term exclusion and we clearly want to avoid this.

Spiritual Life

It was our pleasure to host Bishop Patrick on Friday 1st October for the official Mass and Blessing of our school chapel.



The Mass was streamed live in to all form rooms and the Bishop enjoyed meeting lots of students including those involved in the Mass, the Hospitality Team and Sixth Form students including Rosa and Tom our Head Girl & Head Boy. The chapel is a very well used space in our school and very much central to our lives here at St Paul's.

Examinations 2022

Students in Year 11 and 13 had an assembly this week where I went through everything we know so far about GCSE and A Levels next summer. The same presentation has been emailed to all Year 11 & 13 parents this week.

Governor Vacancies

We have 2 Governor vacancies:

- **Parent Governor** - Full details were emailed to parents last week and nomination forms should be received in school to Helen Oliver by 3pm on 15th October.
- **Foundation Governor** – Foundation Governors are entrusted by the Bishop with the ministry of school governance to act in recognition of the love of Christ for all members of the school community and one another. They have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education acting as 'critical friends' for the school leadership team and setting the strategic direction of the school. Please contact your priest or Neil Weightman at the Diocese for more information neil.weightman@nottingham-des.org.uk / Tel: 01332 293 833 x211

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 2nd November - Year 9 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)
- Thursday 11th November - Year 11 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)
- Thursday 18th November - Year 10 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)
- **Friday 19th November – Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**
- Monday 29th November to Friday 10th December – Year 11 Mock Exams
- Friday 17th Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 20th December - Carol Service 6pm
- Tuesday 21st December - School closes at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 4th January – School re-opens for all

Best wishes



Mrs S Conaghan
Principal