



6 September 2024

Dear Families/Carers

It has been great to see so many of our students return this week and welcome our new Class of 2029 to St Francis. I hope that this week has gone as smoothly as possible for our students and families. It has been a very busy few days as we work to get back into routines. Our new Year 7 students have been brilliant and are starting to find their way around the school.

We have been thinking about our Class of 2024 who left in the summer term to start on the next chapter of their lives. Many of them started at colleges this week to do A Levels, Apprenticeships and various other qualifications. We wish them every success for the future and look forward to hearing their news.

We were saddened to see the appalling violence at the end of July which involved the targeting of people who came to the UK seeking sanctuary having already fled violence and persecution. As a school which has 'School of Sanctuary' status we feel very strongly that everyone deserves to live in safety, no matter who they are or where they're from.

It is up to all of us to call out racism and bigotry in all its forms, to look out for our neighbours, and to double our efforts in building a UK that is a true place of welcome for all. We will continue to work very hard to lead with kindness and compassion, and to work with our community to support new arrivals to our local area and the Academy.

Next week's arrangements

Next week is Week B and it is a normal school week. The students must ensure that they are on the school site at 8.35am ready for form at 8.40am. We operate a free breakfast from 8am for all students who wish to attend. All students will finish at 2.50pm and leave from the Main Entrance or the exit point closer to Sheil Road.

Our basic expectations

Like many other schools we have found that phones distract students and cause unnecessary disruption during the school day. From Monday, students will not be able to use mobile phones at all during the school day for personal use. This includes break and lunchtime. Students will be expected to switch off their phone between 8.40am and 2.50pm. Any students who are seen using a mobile phone will have their phone removed by a member of staff. Confiscated phones will be available for a student to pick up at the end of the school day from the main office. Phones will be put in envelopes with your child's name and year group for their retrieval. We do have a couple of students who may use their mobile device to support them with a medical need and an exception will be made for them. I am sure that you will support us in helping our school maintain a purposeful and positive environment.

IF A STUDENT REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH THIS RULE, OR REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH ANY MEMBER OF STAFF WHO WISHES TO CONFISCATE A PHONE, PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED AND FORMAL CONSEQUENCES SUCH AS ISOLATION OR SUSPENSION MAY FOLLOW.

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Uniform standards for September

The basic expectations of uniform must be met by all. **It is compulsory for all students to wear full school uniform including a blazer, tie, and school shoes (correct black footwear - no trainers at all, including 'on cloud' trainers).**

We are tracking students who do not have the correct uniform, and they will be provided with the missing items such as shoes, blazer, or tie. If these issues are not resolved, we will ask parents to attend school to discuss how we can rectify the matter. We still have a stock of new and used uniform for any student/family who needs it.

Attendance #2daysorless #everydaycounts

Students are expected to attend school every day. We will make daily contact with you if your child is absent, and we may visit your home too. Research shows that attendance has a direct impact on educational outcomes. If your child is not in school, they will miss important work and find themselves falling behind. Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor App so that you can track your child's attendance and punctuality. **#2daysorless #everydaycounts.**

You can access Arbor on different platforms:

Android - Go to your Play store and search for 'Arbor'. Click the top option.

IOS - Go to your App Store and search 'Arbor'. Click the top option. Click Get to download the Parent App.)

You can also access the Arbor platform [Log in to your School | Arbor](#) and click Forgot your password? to finish setting up your account using your email account.

Arbor Pay

We use Arbor Pay for all school payments, including payments for lunch. You can make payments and top up accounts for all school payments including school meals, trips and visits by simply logging into the Parent Portal, online or through the app. Further information is available [here](#).

Our Pastoral Team

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact their Head of Year. If you have any safeguarding questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team. Staff will endeavour to contact you within 24 hours of making contact. If you experience any problems, please call the Academy office.

Year group	Head of Year	Contact (email and mobile)
Head of Year 7	Miss H Thornber	thornberh@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07842442276
Head of Year 8	Mr Bryant	bryantj@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07432133866
Head of Year 9	Mrs Mitchell	mitchelll@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07842428233
Head of Year 10	Mr Ellison	ellisonk@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07889410697
Head of Year 11	Mrs McKechnie	mckechnies@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07706324104
Safeguarding Lead Safeguarding Team	Ms Bleasdale Mrs Jones Mrs Defferd	bleasdalet@asfa.allsaintsmat.org 07561855803 jonesj1@asfa.allsaintsmat.org defferdd@asfa.allsaintsmat.org

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Key dates for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Y6 Open Evening and Y7 Meet the Form Tutor	Thursday 3 October 2024
Term ends – students break up	Friday 25 October 2024
October Half Term Break	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2024
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December 2024
Term starts – students return	Monday 4 November 2024
Term ends – students break up	Friday 20 December 2024
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January 2025
Spring Half Term 3	Monday 6 January – Friday 7 February 2025
INSET day (Students not in school)	Monday 6 January 2025 (all staff)
Term starts – students return	Tuesday 7 January 2025

We look forward to seeing all our students bright and early on Monday morning.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact our school office or a member of the pastoral staff above.

Best wishes



Ms Jo Leech
Headteacher

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