

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

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23rd August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Return to school dates, August/September 2024

I write to welcome all our students back to Sacred Heart College for the new academic year and refer you to the table below outlining dates for their return.

Dates	Year Group/s
Thursday 29 th August	Year 8
Monday 2 nd September	Years 9, 11, 13 & 14
Tuesday 3 rd September	Years 10 & 12
Wednesday 4 th September	Year 8
Thursday 5 th September	All Years

School Funds

We rely on our school funds to meet the costs that Department of Education funding does not meet. These costs include extra support in class, visiting outside agencies and speakers, extra-curricular activities, essential ICT support and equipment, stationery and printing, subsidised transport for offsite curricular and extra-curricular activities, rewards and incentives, revision class materials as well as emergency medical supplies.

The cost for per pupil is £40 or £60 per family and should be paid on your child's return to college. Payment can be cash or cheque (made payable to Sacred Heart College), or transfer using BACS or set up a direct debit with your bank. A text confirmation will be sent from the college text system to acknowledge receipt of payment of school fund.

Details for BACS payments and Direct Debit.

Account Name: Sacred Heart College

Sort Code: 93 81 30

Account Number: 09403035

*Please reference your child's name and Year group when using either BACS or Direct Debit payment



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Uniform & Grooming

It is expected that students wear full school uniform as detailed in the uniform policy (overleaf).

We thank all parents for continuing to fully support the college's uniform policy. Non-uniform tops will not be allowed anytime during the school day this year and we ask parents to consider purchasing the school jumper from local stockists. School shoes must be worn, and letters of exemption will not be accepted unless from an appropriate medical professional with an end date included. Previous exemptions from last year will not be accepted this year. Parents are reminded that students must not present to college in September with extreme hair styles or facial piercings.

Parent App & Student App

Students in Years 11-14 will not be issued a college homework diary this year. After consultation with parents and pupils, strong preference was shown to continued use of the Parent App for communication of study and assignment details. Pupils will be encouraged to also download and use the Student App for the same purposes. Parents or students wishing to use the traditional diary can purchase a generic non-branded diary from local stockists.

Public Examination Results

Congratulations to all students who received their final A Level and GCSE results earlier this month. We wish all our leavers in Years 14 and 12 all the best in the coming years and welcome back our students who have opted to continue to study Post 16 with the College.

Finally, I wish to thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you as we help your child face the challenges of the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gormley
Principal



Sacred Heart College Uniform Policy

Our school uniform identifies the boys and girls as students of Sacred Heart College. While wearing it, students represent the college, its values and its traditions. Care has been taken to ensure that uniform items are generic, affordable and offer value for money in relation to non-uniform items.

Proper attire and good grooming, as well as neatness and cleanliness, is expected of the students at all times. The college reserves the right to set the standards in relation to uniform and appearance. Students are encouraged to wear their uniform with dignity and pride and parental cooperation is always greatly appreciated.

College Uniform

The uniform consists of;

- grey coloured trousers/skirt, white shirt, school tie and school blazer. School ties and blazers are available from local uniform stockists.
- A V-neck school jumper may also be worn (also available from local stockists). **No other top may be worn at any time during the school day.**
- Students who wear a skirt must always wear tights during the school year.
- Students unable to wear tights should wear school trousers
- Skirts should be no shorter than knee length.
- Trousers should be regular school trousers
- Pupils who wear trousers must wear regular dark coloured socks

PE Uniform

- PE uniform consists of college shorts/leggings and college PE shirt (available from stockists)
- On days when students have scheduled recreational PE lessons, they may wear PE uniform to and from school. On these days, students must wear plain navy or black leggings/training bottoms and a college top over their PE shirt. No other non-uniform clothing is permissible. *

***Please note this is a privilege that may be revoked if students do not comply with the policy in full.**

- Students may bring PE uniform to school and change in the PE changing rooms before and after their PE lessons.

Footwear

- Black school shoes are compulsory for all students. Trainers and canvas type footwear are not permissible. **(see overleaf)**
- Trainers may be worn as part of PE uniform kit only.
- Students with a written diagnosis from an appropriate medical professional stating that they cannot wear shoes will be exempt.

Overcoats

- Only a plain navy or black overcoat may be worn to and from school. Overcoats must not be worn during the school day except for break and lunch time. No other type of overcoat is permissible.

