



13 July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we approach the end of another successful year at St Paul's, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community; staff, students, parents and care givers and governors, for their unstinting generosity and commitment to the ongoing excellence of our Academy. I particularly want to acknowledge our strong home/school partnerships, which make our community very special and without the support from our students' families we would not be the successful school that we are.

I know that you will want to join me in thanking the staff at St Paul's for all their hard work in continuing to provide education for your children and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done to support your child in their learning this year. Your support makes a tremendous difference.

This time of year can be one of sadness as we say goodbye to colleagues who are retiring or leaving for pastures new, in particular Ms Tudor, our Vice Principal. We give thanks for all they have contributed to our shared endeavours and for all that they have meant to us, whether it has been for a few months or for many years. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them and for grace and truth to be within them. As they leave us, may they remember our love and appreciation for them and go with our very best wishes for their futures.

You will already have received by In Touch details of the arrangements for the end of term and these will also be posted on the front page of the website.

It is likely that you will purchase new school uniform for your child during the Summer break and I would request that you are mindful of the uniform policy when you do so. You can check this by visiting the Academy website or clicking on the following link:

[https://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk/images/SPA\\_School\\_Uniform\\_Policy\\_2023.pdf](https://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk/images/SPA_School_Uniform_Policy_2023.pdf)

You can also order uniform and see the opening times of the uniform shop via the Academy website or click on the following link: <https://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform>

I would be very grateful if you would also ensure that all items of personal property are labelled.

Blazers are to be worn at all times, including to and from school and at lesson changeovers. We do not have a uniform coat as such, but please ensure your child's coat is navy blue or black and should be worn over the blazer, rather than instead of it. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clean and in good repair so that they are looking as smart as possible. Wearing uniform correctly is one way that students show they are proud to belong to the St Paul's Academy community.

We always welcome donations of school uniform you no longer require, which can be distributed to families in need. With increases in the cost of living, I can assure you the families in receipt of uniform donations are most appreciate of the kindness of others.



If you are planning to allow your child to have any piercings, please ensure that they are done at the beginning of the holiday to allow time for them to be established, as piercings are not allowed in school and will have to be removed on school days.

I would ask for your support in making sure that your child is ready for learning by having the correct equipment for the start of the academic year. This includes:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Swipe Card
- Reading Book
- Learning Kit (pens/pencils/eraser etc)
- School Planner:  
Each student will be given a new School Planner free of charge on the first school day in September and they must ensure it is carried with them at all times. If your child loses their Planner, a replacement costs £10.

We welcome back Year 11 students on:  
Tuesday 5 September: 8.20am – 11.50am  
(lunch will be provided for students entitled to free school meals)

We will welcome Year 7 to start the Autumn Term on:  
Wednesday 6 September: 8.20am – 2.40pm

We welcome back students from all year groups on:  
Thursday 7 September: 8.20am – 3.10pm

On Friday 8 September, all students are to be on site for their normal timetable:  
8.20am – 3.10pm.

During the Summer holidays it is very important that students remain aware of their own personal safety. It is important your children always let you know where they are and who they are with, as well as an agreed time for their return home. We are very aware of how vulnerable our young people can become and so I would advise you to monitor their use of social platforms and return to the eSafety guidelines, which can be found on page 40 of the School Planner.

At the end of the school year we pray:

Loving God,

As we come to the end of our school year we give thanks for every opportunity we have been given.  
We thank you for all that we have learned about ourselves and others.  
We thank you for the love and care of our families and for the friendships we have made.  
We thank you for our school and all who work to help us to become all that we might be.

Bless St Paul's Academy and those who teach and support us.  
Bless staff and students who are moving on, may they find fulfilment in the next stage of their journey.  
Bless our family and friends and help us to show our appreciation of them.

Keep us all safe over the holidays and help us to make wise choices when near water, on the roads and online.


Guide our consciences to avoid all that may cause harm to ourselves or to others.

Inspire us to take every opportunity we are given to become more truly ourselves.  
Help us to recognise and rejoice in your beauty in others and in nature.

May we create friendships that are a witness to your love for us.  
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and friend.

**Amen.**

With my very best wishes for a safe and happy Summer holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Ward', written in a cursive style.

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