

# Sacred Heart Catholic College, Crosby, Liverpool



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## Letter to Parents and Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I am updating you on matters which impact on your child's education at Sacred Heart Catholic College. These arrangements are connected to our end of year routines and our plans for the start of the new school year.

### 1. Last Day of School Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July:

We have a 12-noon finish on Friday; this is a normal end of year arrangement. The students will be expected to attend for P1 and P2 and will be dismissed one year group at a time.

### 2. Summer School:

A large number of students have signed up for our summer school which will be operating out of the lower school site across the first two weeks of the summer recess. These students are mainly from Yr6 and due to join us in September, but we also have some of our own students on the courses. I wish to pay tribute to Mrs Campbell as well as the many other staff (and some students) who have made these arrangements and who are committed to this programme. I think it says a great deal about our school.

### 3. Coronavirus and testing of students:

The Government has announced that all secondary school and college students should take two COVID-19 tests, using their school testing facilities, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. As you can imagine, in a school as large as ours, it will take some time to test all of the pupils. Logistically it is difficult to do this while still maintaining a good social distance. For this reason, we will spread the testing out over a few days, and we will begin testing Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August with Yr11, Yr9 and Yr8. This will allow us to test all year groups before they return. Testing will be carried out using staff that we have already recruited as well as with members of the senior team. After being tested, the pupils will leave and return home. Students will be tested in form groups and should come to school at the following times:

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
11S and 11A 8.30 11C and 11R 9.00 11E and 11D 9.30 11H and 11T 10.00	7S and 7A 8.30 7C and 7R 9.15 7E and 7D 10.00 7H and 7T 11.00	11S and 11A 8.30 11C and 11R 9.00 11E and 11D 9.30 11H and 11T 10.00	7S and 7A 8.30 7C and 7R 9.15 7E and 7D 10.00 7H and 7T 11.00
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### 4. Class Charts:

As you will be aware, this term, we have expanded our use of Class Charts to include records of homework and behaviour points, which can be tracked quickly and easily via a free app; this app is available for both pupils and

parents. Class Charts allows pupils and parents to keep track of homework set, completion rate, timetables and any points pupils receive during lessons. It can be used very easily, as a planner.

We do hope to expand our use of Class charts next year, to include further communication tools like consent forms and messaging and will be seeking your feedback and views. Class Charts is available to download via an app or it can be used online. We have help guides on the Class Charts area of the school website and a direct email to help you if you have any issues logging on. Email: [classcharts@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk](mailto:classcharts@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk)

**5. Start of the new term:** Arrangements for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are as follows

- Yr7 start is 08.40: they will meet on the Yr7 yard and be with Form Tutors for P1, P2 and P3
- Yr8 start is 10.00: they will meet on the Yr8 yard and be with Form Tutors for P2 and P3
- Yr9 start is 09.00: they will meet on the tennis courts and be with Form Tutors for P1, P2 and P3
- Yr10 start is 10.00: they will meet on the tennis courts and be with Form Tutors for P2 and P3
- Yr11 start is 11.20: they will meet on the tennis courts and be with Form Tutors for P3
- Yr12 start is 11.30: they will meet in the Prep Hall and be with Form Tutors for P3
- Yr13 start is 10.00: they will meet in the Prep Hall and be with Form Tutors for P2 and P3

**6. Results Days and Appeals:**

Yr13 'A' Level results will be available at Lower Site, on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021, from 8.30 am

Yr11 GCSE results will be available at Lower Site, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, from 8.30 am

We are re-sending a letter to families of students from Yr11 and Yr13 which explains the process of appeals. For information, in line with JCQ guidelines, the following evidence is used to calculate Teacher Assessed Grades:

Teachers have initially determined grades using assessments carried out, alongside, where applicable, non-exam assessment, often referred to as coursework or internal assessments. Teachers conducted assessments that help determine the grades awarded up until the start of June. The assessments carried out were only based on what has been taught by the teachers and we used assessment materials provided by the exam boards. No single piece of evidence will necessarily be more important than another, as teachers assessed the pupils based on a range of evidence that gives an overall picture of performance. When all the evidence was selected and assessments complete, teachers decided on an overall grade. They did this objectively: if a student was performing typically at a grade B standard in the assessments in a subject at A Level, they were awarded a grade B. These assessments were reviewed, first by the head of each department and then by a team of senior teachers, to ensure that they were robust. We were instructed by JCQ and the examining bodies that we were not be able to inform you of the grade submitted to the exam board. You can find out more about how our school conducted this quality assurance on our website by reading our "Centre Policy".

**7. School Library:**

We have been refurbishing the Library at the Upper School site in the fashion of a Harry Potter film set. We have sourced some interesting pieces of furniture such as a batwing chair. If you have any sources for furniture that might fit the Hogwarts theme, we would love to hear from you.

**8. PE Kit:**

Please view our website for new PE Kit options. If orders come in by 1<sup>st</sup> of August, we will be able to order for collection before 1<sup>st</sup> September. All online [HERE](#).

**9. Headteacher message:** We are at the end of a very long and arduous year for everyone connected with the school. This is, of course, a reflection of the struggles all society has had in dealing with the effects of Coronavirus. School improvement in this climate is very hard. Parental expectations for Sacred Heart are rightly high, and I thank parents for the frequent messages of support, or the email reminders or the occasional harder messages which can be tricky to deal with but are important in reminding us of core issues. Watching teachers commit to change in situ is impressive, and parents should feel reassured about our drive forward. The focal point is frequently the Headteacher but there is a commitment and openness from all staff and from the school governors to continue on the improvement trajectory. I hope that you are all able to find good family time together in the intervening six weeks and I look forward to welcoming your children back in September.

Yours faithfully



Philip Mooney,

Headteacher