



St Michael's Catholic College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very close to the end of a busy term during which students and staff have worked exceptionally hard, both in lessons and across the college, to contribute to a successful start to this academic year. This term our new teaching block and astroturf pitches have opened, bringing much needed additional space to the college and have been very warmly received by students and staff. We are now very fortunate to have two state of the art teaching blocks which enhance the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place at St Michael's, giving students the best possible chance to achieve their potential. It has been wonderful to show off our new facilities to visitors as well as to parents and students visiting on our open days, which this year have resulted in record numbers of applications to the college and 6th form. Our truly authentic Catholic and Salesian ethos is consistently recognised and complimented by the many visitors to the college and this ethos is made possible by a team of staff who demonstrate, on a daily basis, their commitment to maintaining the highest standards of achievement for our students. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do in pursuit of the very best for your children.

Students have had numerous opportunities to complement their academic studies through enrichment opportunities as a result of our partnerships with Bloomberg, PWC, Kings College, The Brilliant Club and Career ready. Furthermore, many students have been fortunate to attend leadership events organised by the Education Commission, a Metro Bank career day, Mental Health Awareness workshops, STEM conferences, Theatre and Music Trips, Sporting competitions and some have participated in residential retreats and even an exchange programme with schools in South Korea. Our house system continues to go from strength to strength and it is heart-warming to see the ethos of the college on display as students work together as a community to participate in our many house competitions for example: The Spelling Bee, Upcycle Challenge, Chess Competition, Christmas Card Competition and Dance Off. The House Bake off week also gave students further opportunities to demonstrate their faith in action, with hundreds of pounds raised for the CCS Crisis fund for children and families in Southwark.

We will be ending the term taking time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas by holding advent services for students at the Most Holy Trinity Church, Dockhead on Friday 21st December, followed by an early dismissal at 12:15pm. This final day of term is a non-uniform day and students have been asked to join in with the house Christmas jumper/outfit competition and to donate food for hampers which will be distributed to local pensioners and families in need.

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Term starts again for **Year 11 only at 8:40am on Monday 7th January** who will be spending the day taking part in workshops to help them complete essential preparation for the spring term and for **all other students at 8:40am on Tuesday 8th January**. Students are expected to attend on time and in the correct uniform; please also see the reminder about the college uniform and in particular haircuts included with this letter.

I would like to conclude by sharing with you an extract from a poem which will be read to students during the advent services reminding us to take time in our busy lives to make room for God and to put Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

No Room: A Christmas Poem by Kathryn Slator

**“No room for Him,” cry men today,
As through the world they plod;
“My life is crowded, don’t you see?
I have no room for God.**

**How could I dare explain to all
My friends who question me,
That Jesus came to save my soul
From sin, to set me free?”**

**O God, forbid that we become
As keepers of the inn,
And have our lives so crowded
That we have no room for Him.**

**But now may we, thy children dear,
Unworthy though we are,
Become as shepherds long ago,
And follow now His star!**

May your Christmas be a time of hope, joy, peace and love and may the New Year bring you and your family all of God’s wonderful blessings.

Yours Faithfully



Ms. F. Corcoran
Principal



School Uniform: Reminder

I am writing to remind you about the college rules regarding uniform especially the rules regarding coats, hats, scarves and haircuts. High standards with regard to uniform are key to ensuring the ethos and academic success of the college and are made very clear to all parents prior to students starting at the college. As a result, we are not able to make exceptions to these rules and sanctions will be issued to those students whose uniform or haircuts are not in line with college policy.

Recently many students have been wearing multi-coloured hats and scarves and wearing non-uniform coloured coats e.g. green or patterned/striped coats to school. The policy on uniform is that coats, hats and scarves should be plain navy, black or grey, no patterns or camouflage. Please therefore ensure that your child's coat, hat and scarf complies with this policy from 7th January 2019.

Please also make sure your child's haircut also complies with college rules as we often have a number of students who arrive at the start of term with haircuts that are not in line with our policy. Boys in particular are reminded that they must not have their hair cut lower than a grade 2, this includes the sides of their hair. It is also not permitted to have fades less than a grade 2 or lines cut into the hair.

St Michael's College Uniform 2018/2019

Boys

- Grey blazer with blue trim
- Grey trousers (same shade as blazer)
- White shirt
- Clip on tie (different design for lower and upper school)
- Grey cardigan with double blue trim
- Black socks (all other colours are not allowed)

Girls

- Grey blazer
- Grey skirt (same shade as blazer)
- White fitted blouse
- Grey cardigan with double white trim
- Black socks or plain black tights (all other colours are not allowed)
- Hair bands must be black

Shoes

Formal black leather shoes with black soles, black laces (if lace ups) and all black stitching. Trainers of any type must not be worn to from or at the college.

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Coats

Outdoor coats should be a plain raincoat, anorak or duffle coat grey, black or navy blue to match uniform or black (no hooded tops, logos or body warmers or other colours are allowed). Scarves should be plain grey, black or navy and hats should be plain black, navy or grey woollen (baseball caps are banned at all times). Pupils should not wear coats, hats, scarves etc. inside the school building as this will result in the garment being confiscated. **School bags** must be plain black and sturdy enough to carry books and other equipment.

Make Up

Make-up, nail varnish, false nails or fake tan is not permitted

Jewellery

Students are not allowed jewellery of any kind apart from a wrist watch

Hair styles

Streaked, dyed or coloured hair is not permitted, nor are exaggerated hair styles. Boys must not have their hair cut lower than a grade 2 (i.e. no grade 1 haircuts) lines must not be shaved into eyebrows or hair.

