



# St Michael's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you at the end of the academic year, one that has again involved many challenges but one in which we have managed a whole year of face to face learning for the first time in 3 years, which is certainly something to be celebrated. All staff at the college have been grateful that students in Year 11 and Year 13 were able to sit a full set of public examinations this summer and we will keep them in our prayers as we await the results.

It has also been wonderful to end the academic year with a wide variety of careers and enterprise events and an arts and enrichment week involving lots of cultural trips. A particular highlight of the term was being able to welcome our new Year 7 students and parents/carers to the college site for induction events and to host a showcase evening for all parents/carers last week to share the many gifts and talents of our students. I would like to thank our Parent Focus Group members who attended the showcase to fundraise for the college, this is a great support to us and we are always looking for new members to join the Focus Group to help inform and support our work, please see the college website for more details.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful students who contribute so much to the college community and to the Salesian ethos, making it a loving and welcoming environment for everyone. In particular I would like to highlight the excellent work of the Student Chaplaincy teams, Student Parliament members, Mental Health Ambassadors, Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors, Eco Committee members, House captains, student leaders and the members of the recently formed All Are Welcome group who make sure that all students have a voice and contribute to the successful running of the college.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge all of the St Michael's staff who have worked incredibly hard and have been dedicated to ensuring the very best provision and pastoral care for our students at every stage of the academic year. The college is fortunate to have such highly skilled and committed staff serving our community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff who will be leaving St Michael's this summer Ms Belvett, Mr A Burton, Mrs Cook, Mr Dews, Ms Duff, Ms Evans, Mr C. Ferguson, Mr Kustner, Ms Hodson and Ms Kraus. We thank them for their positive contribution and service to our community and wish them well for the future. In particular I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Ms Belvett (20 years) and Ms Hodson (22 Years) for their dedicated and exemplary long service to St Michael's Catholic College as they retire. We are incredibly grateful for the positive difference they have made to the lives of so many students and staff and we wish them long, happy and healthy retirements.

We also wish those students in Year 11 and 13 who will be leaving us well and we thank them for their fantastic contribution to St Michael's Catholic College. We hope they will

continue to demonstrate RUAH values through their words and deeds as they make their way in the world.

We look forward to welcoming all year groups back in September and details about the start of term are included below. I have also included details of the college uniform and hair policies which I ask that all parents and carers read carefully so that expectations are clear.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support this year and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

I hope that you and your family keep safe and well during the summer break.

‘Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord,  
and pray that God will bless us and our families  
during the summer break.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation,  
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts,  
during the summer break.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.’

Yours faithfully,



Ms F. Corcoran  
Principal



## Arrangements for the end of the summer term July 2022 and the start of the autumn term September 2022:

- Today is the end of term for all students.
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July are inset days for staff
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July is the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu for staff and students.

### Start of Term Arrangements:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Inset day for staff
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 9:30am Start of term for Year 7 & 12 students only
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 8:40am Start of term for Year 11 & 13 students
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: 8:40am Start of term for Year 8, 9 & 10 students

Please ensure that your child is ready to start back on the right date at the right time. In line with Department of Education policy the college will not authorise any holiday taken in term time and is under no obligation to set work for students missing school for this reason. Every day missed is 5 hours of learning lost. Parents/carers should be aware that stricter regulations in relation to punctuality, attendance and in particular unauthorised absence are due to be brought in next year in line with Department of Education guidance. More details will be provided in the autumn.





## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

Years 7-11 (Years 12 and 13 should see the 6<sup>th</sup> form Dress Code information on the website)

**We want all students to take pride in their appearance and to recognise that they wear a uniform to show they are a valued part of the college community. Therefore, all students are required to meet College uniform requirements at all times both in school and on the way to and from school. It is not reasonable for parents/carers to ask us to make exceptions for their child as it undermines our high standards and ethos. We ask all parents and carers to read this policy carefully and ensure their child's uniform complies.**

Please note all items of uniform are available from Whitehall Clothiers, 77 Camberwell Road, SE5 OEZ Tel: 020 7703 3604.

Both Whitehall Clothiers and St Michael's can provide help to any families who require support in purchasing uniform so please do contact us if you require financial assistance in this way. In the autumn term we will also be setting up a second-hand uniform store in conjunction with the Parent Focus Group and student Eco Committee to support families and promote sustainability. Please note that during the next academic year we will be consulting on a move to one set of uniform requirements for both girls and boys in the interests of equality. This year trousers have been introduced for girls from September 2022 following consultation with the student parliament. The College asks all parents/carers to ensure that if their daughter opts to wear trousers that they meet the college requirements and are bought from Whitehall Clothiers only. If they don't students will be asked to wear the kilt instead to avoid staff having to waste time dealing with uniform infringements.

### Girls Uniform

- Grey Kilt – (same shade of grey as blazer) – no extremes of length. Girls are not permitted to roll up the waistband of their skirts and the skirt must be knee length or longer.  
Or
- Grey trousers (same shade of grey as blazer) trousers are only available from Whitehall Clothiers and must be the same as the boys' trousers.
- White Fitted Blouse with revered collar neck – only available from Whitehall Clothiers – not the male white shirt with a top button.
- Grey Cardigan with double white trim – only available from Whitehall Clothiers. Students are not permitted to tie up their cardigans at the back.
- Grey Blazer – with College Badge – only available from Whitehall Clothiers.
- Black tights/ankle length or knee length black socks.
- Black/ Navy/Dark Grey Coat No other colours, patterns or logos allowed. Outdoor hats must be plain black, navy or grey. Coats, hats, scarves and shawls/wraps are not allowed to be worn inside the college building.
- Formal Black Leather Shoes (NOT trainer style or boots) with black soles, black laces (if lace ups) and all black stitching.



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### **Boys Uniform**

- Grey Trousers – (same shade of grey as Blazer).
- White Shirt.
- Clip on tie (different design for years 7-10 and 11).
- Grey cardigan with double blue trim – only available from Whitehall Clothiers.
- Grey blazer with blue trim – only available from Whitehall Clothiers. Students are not permitted to tie up their cardigans at the back.
- Black socks
- Black/ Navy/Dark Grey Coat No other colours, patterns or logos allowed. Outdoor hats must be plain black, navy or grey. Coats, hats and scarves are not allowed to be worn inside the college building.
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### **School Bags**

- **All students in Years 7-10** must have the official St Michael's School bag bought from Whitehall Clothiers with their name written on the name label. No other bags will be allowed in these year groups.
- In Year 11 for this academic year only students must have a black rucksack/school bag. Handbags are not permitted.

### **PE Kit**

PE kit requirements are the same for all students and items are available from Whitehall Clothiers

- St Michael's PE sport shirts
- St Michael's PE 1/4 zip sweatshirt.
- Navy Shorts or Navy tracksuit bottoms (leggings and cycling shorts are NOT allowed)
- Trainers (no pumps, converse etc)
- Pupils should bring their own roll-on anti-perspirant. Aerosols are not permitted as they cause problems for those with asthma.
- If students forget their P.E. Kit it will result in students receiving a negative mention on their record. Pupils will be expected to borrow a clean P.E. Kit from the P.E. Department which must be washed and returned to the P.E. Department promptly.
- All pupils at St Michael's are expected to take part in P.E. unless there is medical evidence to excuse them.
- All children who are selected for college teams will be expected, if required, to play on Saturday mornings and after college hours during the week.

### **Equipment**

- All pupils must have a ballpoint pen, pencil, eraser, ruler and geometry set and a small scientific calculator.

### **Additional information**

- Chewing Gum is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN in college as it causes costly damage.
- All items of uniform should be clearly marked with the students' name.
- Caps and non-winter hats are banned at all times.



- Make-up, nail varnish and false nails are not to be worn by any pupil.
- Jewellery is not allowed at all and cannot be worn whilst travelling to, from or at college, including earrings. This applies to all pupils. Jewellery and any other unauthorised items will be confiscated and returned to parents/guardians at the end of each college term. We do not allow students to cover piercings with plasters/use clear plastic studs to protect piercings. Therefore, students will be required to remove any piercings. Students are advised to have any piercings done at the start of the summer holiday to allow enough time for healing and earrings etc to be removed before the start of term.
- Wristwatches are permitted but **smart watches are not allowed** as this would be the same as allowing students to have a phone with them which is switched on all day.
- Mobile phones if brought to college should be switched off before entering the school site and must not be switched back on or used until the pupil has left the college site. Students who do not follow these requirements or breach the safety policy will have the right to bring a phone to college revoked.

### **College Hair Policy**

The College hair policy has been informed by student, staff, parent and governor feedback to ensure our policies reflect and are supportive of the diversity of our college community.

Parents and carers are asked to read the policy carefully and go through it with their child so that everyone is clear about expectations. It is not fair to expect the college to make an exception for your child unless there is a specific medical reason.

- Students' hair should remain naturally coloured with one natural colour. Streaked, dyed, two tone, highlighted or coloured hair/braids are not permitted, nor are exaggerated hair styles e.g. Mohican
- For health and safety reasons students with hair that is shoulder length or longer must have their hair tied back in PE, DT and Science lessons and hair/fringes should not fall across students' eyes making it difficult for them to see or fully participate in lessons. Also, for health and safety reasons hair should be no longer than waist length.
- Afro-textured hair can be worn in all styles including, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals and weaves (in line with the 'Halo Code') but should be one natural colour. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.
- Students are not permitted to have their heads shaved all over (skinhead/0.5 or less all over) and lines (including false partings) and patterns are not allowed to be shaved into eyebrows or hair.
- In years 7-11 hair accessories for all students e.g. hairbands, headbands, ribbons, slides, etc. must be black. Please note headbands should be narrow and glass or plastic beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.
- In the 6<sup>th</sup> form all hair accessories and head scarves etc. must be black, navy or grey in line with the 6<sup>th</sup> form dress code colours.
- Information from the Halo Collective has also been used to inform our hair policy and we have adopted the halo code. More information can be found here:

<https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-school/>

