

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

At the end of our first week back at school, I wanted to write to you to thank you for all your support on our return. It has been a pleasure to welcome all students back and we are particularly pleased to welcome our Year 7 and Year 12 students into school. They have all adapted quickly to school routines and timetables.

I would like to publicly thank everyone, including students, who have been involved in our COVID-19 testing programme, the in-school testing programme is now complete. We have not yet been given any detailed information as to whether vaccines will be offered to students in school. As soon as we receive this information, we will, of course, inform you.

It has been a delight to see all our students return to school looking so smart in their uniform. Wearing the St Benedict's uniform with pride is very important to us. If you have any queries regarding uniform, please visit our school website where you will find the School Uniform Policy, alternatively you can contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

You may be aware that we have made changes to our mobile phone policy and acceptable use. We were concerned last year that some students may attempt to use their phones in lesson times and that this could disrupt learning. Phones are now only to be used while students are in the dining hall, and on entry to school, phones should be placed in bags. So far this has proved very successful. I know that many of you are extremely supportive of this policy.

Traffic around school has often been an issue at the end of the day. We have had a reasonably smooth start to the year, in terms of congestion. Thank you all for your consideration when parking and picking up your children. Please remember, if you are parking in the estate to do this with consideration for the residents.

Finally, but most importantly we have spent the week introducing the students to our 'School Virtues'. These are a set of values that we would like everyone in school to use, in terms of their behaviour and approach to learning. Our six virtues are Stewardship, truthfulness, diligence, forgiveness, humility, and dignity. These will help guide us in everything we do in school.

Thank you for your continued support for our school. We are yet again oversubscribed this year, and this reflects how our whole school community work together to make our school the best it can be.

Have a good weekend

Yours faithfully

Emma Jackson
Head Teacher



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