



16 September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I am delighted to report how well the new academic year has started. The students have returned enthusiastically to their studies, eager to learn and do well and looking smart and professional in their school uniform. How they wear their uniform shows they are proud to be a member of St Paul's Academy. I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child neatly wears the correct school uniform.

I hope you and your child have had the opportunity to read through the School Planner together, especially pages 1 – 39, as information has been updated.

There are pages in the School Planner that require information from you as well as signatures:

- Page 1: Contact Page: to ensure the Academy has an accurate and detailed record of contacts that we would need to use in case of an emergency.
- Page 2: Home School Agreement.
- Page 33: ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Page 35: Use of Images Consent Form.

It will support your child to have these pages completed and signed as they will be checked by their Form Tutor and Raising Standards Leader over the coming weeks.

High attendance and excellent punctuality are expectations for all students at St Paul's. To start each day on a positive note, students need to aim to be on site no later than 8.10am, in order to be ready for line up at 8.20am. Attendance and attainment go hand in hand, high attendance support excellent progress, low attendance results in under achievement. Please support your child to be in school every day and on time.

For further information on punctuality and attendance, please refer to pages 28 and 29 of the School Planner. I would ask you to take particular note of the term dates on page 4. It is the expectation that these term dates are adhered to and holidays are only taken during school holiday time.

With the revised school day at lunchtime, all students use the outside areas on the campus. In preparation for colder and wet weather in the coming months, students should have a suitable outdoors coat (not a hoodie, see page 9 of the School Planner) that can be worn over their blazer.

Students are ambassadors of the Academy and they actively contribute to the school's reputation by their behaviour on their journeys to and from school. If any student is involved in anti-social behaviour on buses they risk their free travel being taken away. The TFL Behaviour Code can be found on page 13 of the School Planner and it would be worthwhile reading this with your child.



We are very pleased with our latest examination results and delighted to announce that 74% of our students achieved a grade 4 or above in English and 70% achieved a grade 4 or above in Mathematics. The high quality results that have been achieved are testament to the hard work of the students, the dedication of our staff and the aspirational ethos that is promoted by them, and in turn supported by our families.

The staff of St Paul's Academy continue to strive to do their very best for all students, irrespective of ability and in all aspects of school life. The collegiality of staff and students alike is to be celebrated and commended. We would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the students in all that they have achieved in the past 5 years at St Paul's and we wish them every possible success as they embark on the next stage of their education and training.

Well done and Congratulations to the Class of 2019.

I hope and expect to be offering your child's class congratulations in the future for all they have achieved at St Paul's and thanks for all that they have done for St Paul's.

I would encourage you to check the St Paul's Academy website regularly for information about extra-curricular activities, forthcoming events and school news.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child's happiness and success at St Paul's Academy.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Malone
Principal