



23 November 2020

Dear Year 7 Parents, Carers and Families,

In these very uncertain times, it has been a pleasure to welcome the new Year 7 cohort into the community of St Paul's Academy. The students have made a fantastic start to their secondary school career and I hope that your child has found the transition process a smooth, enjoyable and supportive one. Since September, our Year 7 students have made a very positive impact on our whole school community.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

I am delighted that as a cohort Year 7 are at present significantly above the national attendance average of 85%, with Year 7 currently recording 95.92% attendance since the start of term. Considering the current climate, this is an exceptional achievement and testament to the commitment of our students and their families. In addition to this, the punctuality of students has been excellent, with the majority of students arriving to school on time each day. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives to school on time.

### **Behaviour Watch Positives**

It is very pleasing to inform you that Year 7 achieved over 10,000 positive Behaviour Watch points in the first Academic Term, the highest of any year group in the Academy. The Year 7 rewards shop was a wonderful celebration of the students' hard work and commitment to learning. Please continue to share with your child the positives they achieve which are sent home weekly to you via email. Please be aware that Behaviour Watch points will be reset this coming week in preparation for the next rewards shop.

### **Uniform**

Following initial issues due to an increased demand on our school uniform shop it has been a pleasure to see our Year 7 students so well turned out. It is important that our students take pride in their appearance and remember that they represent St Paul's Academy on their way to and from school. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. If uniform requires replacing, our school uniform shop remains open throughout the year. However due to COVID-19 restrictions, the school uniform shop will operate online only. I would advise as temperatures drop that students increase base layers and have a warm outside coat and an umbrella.

### **Travel**

Please remind your child that they can help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 by going directly home after school and, where possible, walking rather than using public transport.



## Behaviour and COVID-19 Code of Conduct

As we enter the winter period it is important now more so than ever to remind our students that their behaviour and adherence to the COVID-19 Code of Conduct is essential. During lesson changeover and social times it is imperative that students maintain social distancing where possible. This is without doubt a challenge; however we require all members of the Academy community to act safely to ensure the safety of others.

## Face Masks and Face Coverings

Please remind your child that it is recommended that they wear a face mask/covering when in communal areas of the school. This includes morning line up, lesson changeovers and at lunch time.

## Reports

Year 7 Report 1 was due to be sent to families in the coming weeks. As you will have already received a transition report for your child and attended your child's Progress Review Meeting, the decision to delay Report 1 until the spring term has been made. This will allow staff the opportunity to collect more accurate data on your child's progress to be included in their report. If you have any concerns about your child's progress in the meantime, please contact your child's Form Tutor.

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Over the course of the last four weeks of their first term at St Paul's Academy, it is extremely important that your child continues to work hard and demonstrates exceptional commitment to learning. As we approach the season of Advent your child will have many opportunities to engage in a range of Charity and Enterprise initiatives. Miss Duffy, as Charities and Enterprise Co-ordinator and Head of Year 7, will be communicating further details to families shortly in relation to these whole school initiatives. Please encourage your child to actively support and participate in these activities, as these will further enhance their school experience.

Thank you for your continued support.

With my very best wishes,

**Miss S Malone**  
**Principal**

