

"President Kennedy School is committed to 'building brighter futures' for all. They embody this ambition wholeheartedly. Pupils are proud and happy to be a part of this inclusive and diverse school where they excel both academically and personally. The caring nature and positive relationships between pupils of all ages, and staff, is what makes this school such a special place to be."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you all for your continued support of the school during this last academic year. It really has been a wonderful year where students have embraced many opportunities and represented the school with pride in school, locally, and even as far as Paris and Barcelona where Year 7 to Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit this year. It has also been a year where Ofsted visited, and I can say whole heartedly that it was a real highlight to showcase how wonderful all the students are and how they contribute to making the school 'such a special place to be'. It is a wonderful achievement and recognition for the whole community.

Our inspection highlighted what a wonderful community we are as a school and the families we work with. It is our continued work together that allows your child, our students, the best possible start in life as they thrive and make their way in the world.

I look forward to seeing you again in September, where we begin the next stage of your child's journey.

Please see below some key information that indicates key dates for the end of the summer and the beginning of the next academic year.

End of Summer Term Arrangements

Please be aware that the summer break will start from **1.30pm onwards on Friday 19th July.**

Please make appropriate arrangements for your child to be safe for the afternoon. Your child should not visit primary schools on their way home as they may still be working that afternoon.

Autumn Term Arrangements – September 2024

The autumn term begins on **Wednesday 4th September.** School will start at the following times for respective year groups:

- **8.40am** for new **Year 7s** who will be greeted in front of reception and will line up behind the green gates.
- **8.40am** for **Year 10 and Year 11** students, who should go to their registration room.
- **9.00am** for **Year 12** who should go to registration in the 6th form building.
- **9.30am** for **Years 8, 9 and 13** who should go to registration.

On the first day, all students will spend time with their tutor in the morning, before commencing their normal lessons Period 3. This will allow students a calm and reassuring start after the six-week holiday, so they feel prepared for the rest of the term.



After the first day, every year group will start school at the normal time of **8.40am**. Students need to leave home in time to accommodate bus routes and traffic, allowing them to start the day calmly with their tutor. School starts at 8.40am and registration starts at 8.45am.

Please can I emphasise the importance of students **wearing the correct school uniform** and having the right **equipment** from the start of term. This allows for every child to be ready for their learning each day. (*Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber- scientific calculator, reading book, dictionary/thesaurus.*)

Please find attached the updated Uniform Regulations which are effective from September 2024.

Please can I reinforce the expectations of shoes, not trainers, boots or canvas shoes. Furthermore, please can you ensure that skirt length requirements are adhered to. If you have any problems finding the correct length of skirt then trousers are an alternative option. Also, please can we ensure that any acrylic nails or nail varnish are removed ready for Wednesday 4th September. This is to support our health and safety regulations. If you have any issues with providing any of the above, then please do contact your new College Director, to see if we are able to help and support you:

Year 7: Ms Tovey
Year 8: Mrs Murray
Year 9: Mrs Sheridan
Year 10: Mr Drakeford
Year 11: Mr Moroney
Post 16: Mrs Mitchard

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at President Kennedy School, we thank you once again for your continued support over the past 12 months; the relationship with you is so important in ensuring the success of our students.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



S Rooke
Headteacher

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