

Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary



Tuesday 9th January 2024

Be bold be strong for the Lord
your God is with you ~
Deuteronomy 31:6

MEMORY VERSE

Dear Parent/Carer,
I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. At the start of a new term or year, it is important for us to reset and refocus our minds and attention

on some of the fundamental elements of school life, as we continue to work with you and your child to ensure their academic success and personal growth. At the heart of this, lies the importance of setting high expectations when it comes to punctuality, attendance, uniform and attitude.

Punctuality and Attendance- Vice Principal Mr Benn

I would like to take this opportunity to strongly and respectfully encourage you to remind your child of the importance of maintaining high standards in terms of punctuality and attendance. Students are expected to be in school by **8:30am** each day so that they are ready for Family Group or Collective Worship which starts promptly at **8:45am**. Arriving to school on time will enable your child to maximise their learning in lessons and take full advantage of what life has to offer at St Mary Magdalene C of E School. Similarly, it is crucial that students strive to get to every lesson on time throughout the school day. We ask for a commitment from you, as parents/carers, to support this priority and ensure that your child makes every effort to attend school, every day, and on time. We will continue to monitor students' attendance and punctuality in order to secure the highest possible standards.

Uniform (as mentioned in Mr Golding's letter)

Uniform plays a crucial role in providing the students with a strong sense of identity, belonging and respect for our school community. It reinforces who we are as a community and allows students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for the workplace. We expect all students to be in full and correct school uniform in line with our policy.

- Full school uniform must be worn **at all times**, including a blazer, tie and black shoes.
- Students without the correct uniform including; black shoes or blazers, will be required to borrow school uniform from student welfare or will be sent home to collect the correct uniform.
- No hoodies, track suit tops, trainers, or footwear such as; **Uggs** or **Crocs** are allowed to be worn in the building.
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UPCOMING DATES



Year 11 Parents' Evening- Thursday 18th
January 3.10pm – 6.10pm

Year 13 Parents' Evening- Thursday 25th
January 3.10pm – 6.10pm

- One pair of stud earrings may be worn, no more than one per ear.
- No other facial piercings should be visible.
- No false eye lashes or acrylic nails to be worn.
- Kilts should be knee length.
- No lip-gloss or other form of makeup should be worn. These will be confiscated if seen.

Issue	Consequence 1	Consequence 2
No blazer and/or shoes	Y9-11: Sent home to change	C3 (with HoY following day)
No tie	Y7-12: Get spare tie	C2 (with HoY at end of day)
Wearing banned clothing items in school	Y7-12: Given to HoY	Item will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week.

The uniform policy is on the school's website for further reference.

Finally, it is also important to restore daily routines to help your child to be organised and ready for the start of another important term. This will enable them to have full access to all the learning opportunities available to them and to work with their teachers to ensure that they make consistent progress as the year progresses.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or require any information. Schools are most effective when there is a strong professional relationship based on mutual respect and cooperation between parents, the student and the school. Thank you in advance for your support as we continue to work together in the best interest of your child.

Yours sincerely,

R. Hussain
Principal

Message from the Chaplain

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

I don't know about you but some things I can adapt

to quite quickly and other things take me ages to get my head around.

When the clocks change or the year changes it take me ages to come to terms with it. If something you've ordered on the menu suddenly needs to change, then I am happy to go with the flow. I wonder why that is?

2024 feels like it's going to be one of those years where we see change. Changes in the way we think about our climate. Changes to our parliament with the upcoming election.

Our Year 6s and year 11s and 13s have some obvious changes coming towards them. They will be surrounded by encouragement to work, surrounded by things coming to an end – the lasts of everything, and the firsts of things too.

In all these moments, it is really important that we find things that will still be consistent and feel safe. The presence of family or supportive friends maybe. The security of a comfortable home perhaps. The love of God for sure.

Going forward let us pray for each other and the faith they need to face each new day. Let us support each other in whatever we are finding tricky or difficult to come to terms with.

Some words from James 1:17.

All good gifts come from the Father who loves us. His love for us never changes.

Lord God, Creator of the universe, maker of the planets, designer of our humanity.

As we are held safely in the palm of your hand, help us to recognise the security we have in you.

Remind us of your love.

Let us give thanks for all the blessings that come from God. Amen.