

27th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pastoral Newsletter

Firstly, I must thank students and parents/carers for the fantastic welcome I have had since I joined the school in January. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you over the last few months. I hope that the safeguarding information that I have been sharing in our InTouch magazine has been useful.

Uniform

As you start to think about purchasing uniform for the new academic year, can I please remind you of our high standards regarding our St Aidan's students. Uniform is an important part of who we are. As well as making sure you're identifiable as a member of St Aidan's, being smartly dressed and taking pride in our uniform creates unity and reflects the ethos of our school.

- Navy blue V-necked St Aidan's (branded) jumper.
- White shirt/blouse with school tie – the tie should cover the fastened top button of the shirt. Shirts must always be tucked in.
- Lanyard- compulsory lanyard in the year group colour
- All students in year groups 7-10 must wear black trousers in a tailored style, i.e. no jeans or leggings style. Skin-tight trousers are not acceptable.
- Plain black flat heeled leather shoes or plain black trainers and black ankle socks (no trainer socks).
- St Aidan's hoodies may **ONLY** be worn outdoors and for PE. (unless otherwise agreed) No other hoodies are permitted.

Year 11

- Year 11 students may choose to wear trousers as above or a pleated navy skirt again as supplied by uniform retailers. This should be of sensible length no more than 3 inches above the knee with plain dark navy/black thick tights. Straight pencil skirts are not acceptable.

Sixth Form

The students in Years 12 and 13 are role models for younger pupils and their standards of dress are an important part of the culture of the Associated Sixth Form. It is hoped that Sixth Form students will be proud of their professional appearance creating a positive image not just in school but also within the wider community. The dress code allows members of the Associated Sixth Form to set a high standard in their personal appearance and to choose from 2 options

Option 1 – Business collared shirt, tie, smart trousers

Option 2 – Smart blouse, smart skirt/smart dress/smart trousers

School Lanyards

Lanyards are a compulsory part of the school uniform in all year groups. All students will be given a lanyard with an ID card when they start at St Aidan's. If a lanyard is lost or misplaced, these can be purchased through school via ParentPay. These are crucial for us to be able to safeguard your children successfully. Please make sure they are wearing them to school correctly each day.

Pastoral Team

We are lucky here at St Aidan's to have such a dedicated and hard-working team of pastoral staff. Preparing for September we have made some changes to our pastoral structure, with the role of Head of Year 7 and Head of Year 11 becoming a static role, which means that these Heads of Year can really develop the transition we offer into St Aidan's and into our Associated Sixth Form. Our pastoral staff are proud of the strong relationships that they build with home and will continue, along with our brilliant form tutors to be your first port of call for queries.

Pastoral Team 2025/2026

Ms E Reynard	Head of Year 7	Mrs S Sienkiewicz	Assistant Head of Year 7
Mr P Alker	Head of Year 8	Mrs McKenzie	Assistant Head of Year 8
Mr D Bean	Head of Year 9	To be confirmed	Assistant Head of Year 9
Mr J Maullin	Head of Year 10	Mrs N Connell	Assistant Head of Year 10
Ms H Strickland	Head of Year 11	Mrs C Holbrook	Assistant Head of Year 11
Mr N Dinsdale	Head of Year 12	To be confirmed	Assistant Head of Year 12
Mr L Margerison	Head of Year 13	Mrs A Dinsdale	Assistant Head of Year 13
		Mrs M Kitching	Assistant Head of Year 7-13

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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