

August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Start of Term Arrangements for Year 7**

We hope you are all having an enjoyable summer and that our new students are eager to begin their journey with us at St Aidan's. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

On this day, only Year 7 and Year 12 students will be in school. Students should arrive in good time for the start of the school day at 8:45 a.m. Staff will be ready to greet them at the main entrance from 8:35 a.m. We kindly ask that parents/carers say their goodbyes on Oatlands Drive and do not enter the school site. When students arrive, they will be directed to their form rooms, which are the same rooms they spent time in during their transition day in July.

They will start the day with their new form tutors, getting to know one another as well as the school site, before beginning their timetabled lessons in the afternoon. Students will have an IT lesson in the morning where they will learn how to log on to their school account and complete a short reading assessment. This assessment is part of our baseline testing for students; no preparation or revision is required. While it will be completed under exam conditions, this is a low-stakes test, and we do not want students to feel anxious about it. We use the results of this assessment, along with other cognitive ability tests (which will be completed in IT lessons during the first few weeks of term) and their Key Stage 2 assessment results, to track progress throughout Key Stage 3.

On the first day, students will only need their bags, pencil cases, and water bottles. PE kits will not be required. If students have completed their letter for their form tutor, they can bring it along with them. The Maths and English work can be handed in to their respective teachers later in the week.

Yours faithfully,



Ms. E Reynard  
Head of Year 7