



Saint GREGORY'S
Bath

“In Christ we flourish”

17 July 2015

Dear Parents/carers

The Beginning of the new academic year

The arrangements for the beginning of the new academic year are as follows:

Monday 31 August	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 1 September	School closed for staff training
Wednesday 2 September	Year 7 and 12 only for induction day, plus other new students

Year 7 students please report to the main hall by **8.45 am** where they will be met by their tutor. Year 7 students will be in school all day until 3.10pm. Lunch will be available and, although students will be issued with a lunch fob on the first day, we recommend that they bring cash, just in case there are any delays. They should also bring in a cheque for £10 made payable to Saint Gregory's School for a locker. Please note that buses will run as normal but there will be no older students on board except possibly a few Year 12 students.

Year 12 students should sign in at the admin desk in the Learning Resource Centre in the Gateway Building at **9.00 am**. The morning for Year 12 students will finish with an assembly at 12 noon.

New students beginning in Years 8-11 should report to main reception by 8.45 am and will then be shown into the Bond Pavilion where they will meet their Head of Year.

Thursday 3 September	Term begins for all students but not Year 12
Friday 4 September	All students
Thursday 10 September	Year 11 target-setting evening (4-7 pm)

I have attached to this letter the final term dates for the academic year. Please remember not to book any holidays in term time.

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Nut Allergy

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we have a number of students with serious nut allergies and we operate a strict policy of no nuts or nut products in school. Please ensure that your children do not come to school with any nuts or any products with nut traces in their packed lunches. If you are in doubt please check the product information for a breakdown of the contents.

Uniform and Appearance in September

I would also like to remind parents and carers that all students should come back to school in September with normal uniform and no extreme hairstyles (especially dyed patches or shaved patches) or jewellery apart from a single stud earring in each ear if you so choose. Full details of what is acceptable can be found in the revised behaviour policy (*Behaviour for Excellence*) on the website from the homepage under Useful Information > Key Documents & Policies. Please support us with the high standard of uniform we expect at Saint Gregory's.

Summer safety

We are all looking forward to a restful summer break and we look forward to the much anticipated heat wave. We will help parents and carers by reminding the students at the end of term of some basic advice for staying safe over the summer, especially online. Most of the conversations which take place online are perfectly sociable but there are times when it can be less than pleasant and issues can arise from online disputes which affect relationships in school. We will of course deal with any repercussions in school but I need to remind all parents and carers that what students do online out of school is your responsibility. As a parent myself, I know it's easier said than done to 'police' their online activity but it is an aspect of modern parenting that we all need to take seriously.

I wish you all a restful summer break and I look forward very much to welcoming all our students, especially our new starters, in September.

Yours faithfully

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Term Dates for 2015 – 2016 (Final version 5 June 2015)

Term 1:

Tuesday 1 September – Friday 23 October

(INSET Days, school closed to all students: Tuesday 1 September and Friday 25 September)

Term 2:

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December

Term 3:

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February

(No INSET days this term, please note this change from previous advice)

Term 4:

Monday 22 February – Friday 1 April

(INSET Days, school closed to all students: Monday 22 February (please note this change) and Friday 1 April (please note this change from previous advice))

Good Friday: Friday 25 March – school closed for bank holiday

Easter Monday: Monday 28 March – school closed for bank holiday

Term 5:

Monday 18 April – Friday 27 May

(Bank holiday, school closed: Monday 2 May)

Term 6:

Monday 6 June – Thursday 21 July

(INSET Day, school closed to all students: Thursday 21 July)