



21st July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to the Samworth Church Academy – we really value the fact that you have entrusted your child's future with us and I would like to reassure you that we will do our utmost to ensure that the students are supported every step of the way in this very important and exciting transition. I would like to share some key information about the start of next term, which is Wednesday, 2nd September.

At 7.45 am Year 7 will arrive through the main student entrance gate, and also through the back gate where staff will be ready to greet them. Year 7 lessons will begin at 8.00 am. They will attend 5 lessons a day, as they normally would, but their finish time will be 1.30 pm. This is to allow for social distancing from other year groups and to be able to use the shared spaces safely. Please try to avoid gathering in groups if you intend to drop off and collect students at the start and end of the day.

On their first day, Year 7 will attend a 'meet and greet' assembly followed by a 2-day Transition Programme that they would have experienced in July. The activities we have planned are designed to ensure that they are fully ready to learn and have plenty of opportunities to get to know each other in a fun and supportive way.

During the first session they will be given their timetables and lunch card, which they can use to pay for food in the restaurant, as we have a cashless system. You will receive another letter giving you details about to access the parent portal, with log in details towards the end of the summer holidays. The students will need to come fully equipped for learning, with a pencil case, pen, pencil and ruler, a strong and suitable school bag and wearing the full academy uniform. Everything else except these essential items should be left at home. Year 7 will not need their PE kit on the first day.

The details of how to order our uniform were sent out in the parent information pack and are also on our website. (Please note that the deadline for ordering the uniform has now been relaxed to **Monday 17th August**). You will also find two presentations on the website, one for students and one for parents, which are packed with essential information about us.

Lastly, can I ask that you return the student information forms, by post, which were sent out in the parent information packs. It is vitally important that we have this information before your child starts with us in September. If you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the academy email enquiries@tscacademy.org.uk or to myself at mfletcher@tscacademy.org.uk.

We very much look forward to meeting you all in September.

Best wishes,

Maria Fletcher
Student Support Team