

# St. George's School A Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, there is now a need to share information and prepare our pupils for a positive start in September. A lot of the information below is about ethos and policies so please keep reading. 'Sweating the small stuff', and knowing our ethos and policies in advance and following them helps the Academy run smoothly and our pupils feel safe and relaxed. It also makes it clear for you as Parents/Carers on what to expect, thereby avoiding any unnecessary confrontation for infringements. The information below has been in place for a number of years (except for changes to uniform) so as a result it should be no surprise.

### **Academy Day**

We are fully committed to ensuring each of our pupils will still experience the full range of curriculum subjects and enrichment which underpin 'The SG Way'. The overwhelming feedback from pupils this year was that they wanted to see more extra-curricular activities. In response to this all pupils have been emailed our electives plan. We continue to offer a wide range of after school electives. We will also be expanding our after school intervention.

The Academy day remains the same as this year for all year groups. After Christmas, a bespoke extended timetable will be in place for Year 10 and Year 11.

## Lates

The school gates are open at 8.00am and pupils must arrive at school ready for an 8:15am start. Anyone arriving after this time, without a genuine reason, will automatically get a detention. Pupils who arrive late to school after 9.00am without a genuine reason will work in the reflection room for the remainder of the day until 4.00pm.

## **Uniform**

The following link is a reminder of the previous communication on our new uniform.

Our new uniform will be in place from September 2024. Students starting Y7 in September will wear the new uniform. For other year groups, the old uniform can still be worn until your child grows out of it. However, the new uniform can also be purchased and worn if this is your preference. We are aware that this may mean that students have mis-matched uniform items for a period of time.



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### **School Bags**

All year 7 pupils will purchase the new academy bag available at First Class Kids. For all other year groups, Parents can choose to purchase either the new academy bag or another suitably sized rucksack. If pupils arrive at school without a rucksack style bag, they will use one of our new academy bags until a suitable replacement is purchased.

#### **School shoes**

Your school shoes <u>MUST</u> be leather or a leather type material they must be plain black. Your school shoes <u>MUST NOT</u> be trainers or have visible logos or bubble soles. Ballet pumps are not suitable. Again, suitable footwear can be found on the website. If you have any queries please email STGenquiries@cidari.co.uk

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery of any description is not permitted. A non smart-watch may be worn.

### Hair

Please be mindful of these hair regulations at the start of the summer holidays to ensure that they arrive back to us in September fully compliant with our expectations.

#### Make Up

Make up of any description is discouraged although we understand a little discreet makeup for our older pupils. This does not mean bright orange faces! Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed. Fake tan is not allowed. False eyelashes are not allowed.

#### **Equipment**

Having the correct equipment and being organised is very important. Below there is a list which indicates what we expect every pupil to bring to the Academy every day. We understand many children enjoy the experience of buying their own pencil cases and equipment for the start of a new year and this is acceptable.

Parents can purchase a fully equipped pencil case via **ParentPay** for a cost of £5. These will then be issued to pupils on their first day in September.



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Below is the required set of equipment every pupil should have.

- Clear pencil case
- 2 black pens
- 2 purple pen
- 2 highlighters
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber

#### **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches**

Once pupils enter the Academy we expect mobile phones to be switched off and should not be out of their bags or blazers for the rest of the day. Any phones that are visible or switched on will be confiscated as per our policy. Smart Watches are not permitted in the Academy.

### A final thank you

We are very proud of our Academy and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly, give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning and success in their future. This is why these young people are the most successful in Blackpool.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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