

8 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are rapidly approaching the end of another hugely successful academic year, I wanted to share some key information with you.

On the final day of term, **Friday 17 July. school will close at 12.45pm** with school buses having been arranged for the early pick up. Students will be released from their forms at 12.45pm ready to start their summer holidays.

In September, students return to school on **Wednesday 2 September 2026** where we look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready to start again. In September, we will once again be having a focus on standards, both academic and uniform related.

It is the time of year when many of you will be looking to replace, or update, your child's uniform. Some of you will be aware that *The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act* was released on 29 April 2026. As part of this legislation, it stated that schools can only ask for four pieces of uniform that have their logo on them and the rest of the uniform, parents can buy from whichever provider they choose.

The approved St. Michael's Catholic Academy uniform is available exclusively from our approved uniform supplier, Michael Sehgal and Sons Ltd. This provider can be accessed via the link on our website under the 'Parents' and 'Our School' tab and then the 'School Uniform' tab. Once you have placed your order, Sehgal's can arrange delivery either to school or to you at home.

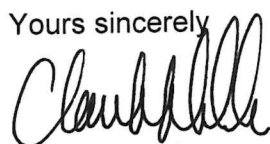
The four pieces of uniform that we have insisted have the official logo on are the school blazer; school tie; school PE shirt and if parents want to purchase one, the school PE hoodie. All other items can be purchased from a shop of your choice provided they are the correct colours. When you look on the website, you will see for example, that the school jumper and school PE shorts are now plain and you could buy these from another shop provided they are plain navy.

Finally, as we come to the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to some of our valued team. Mrs Bowes (English), Miss Flynn (Science), Mrs Hunter (DT) and Mr Marshall (DT) and we wish them all the very best of luck in their new adventures. Between these four staff there are 54 years of service to Billingham families.

In preparation to help all our young people to have a safe and happy holiday all our students have taken part in water safety assemblies to help them to stay safe around water in the very hot weather and fire safety outdoors assemblies about the dangers of fire in the community in hot weather.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your families a happy and restful time together, and we look forward to working with you again in September.

Yours sincerely



Clare Humble
Headteacher