

# St Monica's R.C. High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of our school year I wanted to write to thank you for everything you have done to support our pupils and us this year and give you some updates and useful information for next year.

## School Improvement

Our OFSTED report confirmed that the school needs to improve rapidly in all areas to achieve the best outcomes for all our pupils so they are all prepared for their future pathways and develop their God given talents to the full. We recognise that changes were needed. In relation to our OFSTED report, below is a summary of what is being done to secure this:

- An IEB has been formed.
- We are working with National and Local Leaders of Education and Teaching Schools to challenge and support the Senior Leadership Team and Middle Leaders to drive forward school improvement.
- In Maths, we are working collaboratively with a leading school in the authority, a Specialist Leader of Maths Education and the Greater Manchester Maths Hubs and a Teaching School. We are also included in the DfE Maths challenge, which will be funded through a Strategic School Improvement bid.
- The Maths department have revisited and rewritten schemes of work to ensure pupils make progress and are GCSE ready.
- Staff are completing an ongoing professional development programme on teaching and learning.
- The behaviour strategies and policy have been reviewed and refined. This work will continue.
- A full review of SEN provision has taken place. The SEN team will be strengthened with a new position in the autumn term to support the SENCO to make the changes required.
- Staff training will continue.

## Prayer and Service

This year we have enjoyed some wonderful events and successes. Our weekly newsletter and twitter page will keep you updated on all of these. Please read them to celebrate what we have achieved with you and our wider community. Our twitter address is @stmonicas.

## Standards

Your support in maintaining high standards in all aspects of school life is essential.

In September all pupils should have perfect uniform and take pride in wearing their uniform as a pupil of St. Monica's.

Before purchasing school uniform items can you please check the specific uniform list available on the school website at <http://www.stmonicas.co.uk/school/students/school-uniform>.

Please pay particular attention to the requirements for:



- **School skirts:** Skirts must be A line, as purchased from the school suppliers and at least knee length.
- **Shoes:** these must be leather or leather style proper school shoes. Any sports style or trainers will not be allowed. Ballet style slip on shoes are not allowed. Pupils should have a strap across style. Heels are not allowed.
- **Trousers:** Trousers for boys or girls should be standard cut plain charcoal grey/black school trousers. Skinny cut, jeans styles, legging styles or hipster styles are not allowed.
- **Socks:** Black socks are to be worn with trousers. White socks or thick black tights to be worn with skirts.

Please also check the uniform section for makeup, jewellery, hair design and outdoor coats. Pupils are not allowed to wear any jewellery. If your son or daughter wants to get any piercings done in the summer, it will need to be done at the start of the summer holidays, so that they can remove them when coming to school.

St. Monica's holds a stock of school uniform which your son/daughter will be asked to wear should they not present themselves in the correct uniform.

If a child does not conform to this, parents and carers will be contacted to take them home and get them changed into the required uniform.

**Mobile Phones:** Mobile phones are not allowed to be used or seen once pupils are on the school premises.

**Electronic Cigarettes:** Electronic cigarettes are not allowed in school. Any pupil found in possession of (or bringing into school) an electronic cigarette will be dealt with in line with the school's disciplinary policy.

**Important Dates:**

School opens for the next academic year on **Tuesday 4th September:**

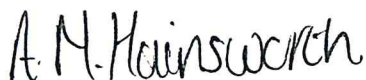
**Year 7** start at **8.30am** and should assemble in the main hall. School buses will be available for Year 7.

**Year 8 -11** start at **10.00am** and should assemble on the tennis courts in form order.

I would once again like to thank everyone who has supported us this year. We look forward to celebrating our GCSE results in August. I am privileged to be Headteacher of St. Monica's and I look forward to continuing to work together to drive the school forward.

With every blessing from all of us for a happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A. M. Hainsworth  
Headteacher