



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of another academic year here at St. Joseph's College. We have had an excellent first few days back and everyone has begun to settle into good routines. I have been impressed by students focus and smartness at the start of term. Thank you all for getting your son's into the correct uniform and mind-set for the start of this year.

After the outstanding academic examination results this summer, I would like to congratulate all our students who took their exams in the summer season. Their work ethic, determination and co-operation with teachers led to the best results the College has seen, putting us up as one of the top schools in this area. We also welcome our new Year 7 students who represent the largest intake the College has seen. It is marvellous that we are now over-subscribed in Year 7 and this represents the confidence our community has in St. Joseph's College. I am delighted to say, that unlike many schools around the country we are fully staffed with qualified, passionate and committed teachers and we welcome a number of new staff and Year 12 students from other schools this week. They all seem to have made a great start and I am sure we wish them every success in their future life at St. Joseph's College. Two of our new staff have already put themselves forward to take on the responsibility of Head of House and Miss Agboola will be Head of Dane and Mr Trencher will be Head of Brooklands. We are looking forward to seeing even more impact from our House system as it enters its second year of operation.

As we move into our second week at the College, things are already getting busy with student leadership elections and I know it is a terrible thing to say but it will not be too long till we are thinking of Christmas. Please spend time looking at the key dates below for your son's year group. There are many events coming up, starting with Year 7 Team Building on the 11th, Whole school Photographs on Monday 17th September, the Year 7 BBQ and Information Evening on the 18th September at 3.30pm, and Year 12 Parent's Information Evening at 5.30pm.

Our open events this year will be run on Saturday 22nd September from 9.00am to 10.45am and on Monday 24th September in the evening from 5.00pm. As normal, students will be extremely important in these events and more information will be given to you later. If you know people who have son's in Year 6 at primary school, please encourage them to attend one of our open events to see the vibrant life and opportunities here at St. Joseph's.

On the 25th September you will see on the calendar of important dates, that the school opens to students at 10.00am. This late start is in order to provide time for a new core part of our teacher, learning and development programme called Teacher Learning Communities. There will be a number of these spread out throughout the year where staff work in learning communities to review and discuss research literature associated with developments in teaching and learning. Our aspiration is for students at St. Joseph's College to have learning experiences that rival the best in

the country and to do this, we must ensure, that we are able to offer our staff a learning and development experience that is equally ambitious.

As usual, there have been lots of improvements made over the summer holiday, particularly noticeable is our new dining facilities, which all students have responded to in a very positive manner.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to a very successful and positive year ahead.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

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David Garrido
Headmaster

KEY DATES FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Year 7 Team Building Day	11 th September	Pupils need to wear their PE kit for the day. They will need their planned and pencil case in their school bag
Year 11 Targeted Parent's Meetings	12 th September	
Year 13 Visit to the Globe "Othello"	12 th September evening	
Whole School Photographs	17 th September	The Photographers will be in to take pictures of every pupil. You will then have an opportunity to purchase pictures for your son/daughter
Year 7 BBQ – 3.30pm	18 th September	This is an opportunity for you to meet your son's tutor at an informal evening.
Year 12 Parent Information Evening	18 th September	
MacMillan Coffee Morning	21 st September	Come and join us for coffee and cake from 10.00am to midday
Year 7 Free Road Safety Theatre	21 st September	
Open Morning Intake 2019	22 nd September	
Open Evening Intake 2019	24 th September	
LATE START	25TH SEPTEMBER	STUDENTS TO START AT 10.00AM
Year 10 Transition Evening - Hall	27 th September	
Year 9 Information Evening	2 nd October	
Year 11 "An Inspector Calls" Trip	3 rd October	
Tours for Intake 2019 – 8.40am and 10.20am	3 rd October	
Tours for Intake 2019 – 8.40am and 10.20am	4 th October	
Tours for Intake 2019 – 8.40am and 10.20am	10 th October	
Campus Tours – 5.15pm -6.00pm – 6 th Form	11 th October	
6 th Form Open Evening	11 th October	
Year 9 CSI Day	16 th October	
Life Skills Day	17 th October	
Years 11,12 and 13 Parent's Elevate Session	17 th October	(Evening)
Half-Term	22/10 -26/10 2018	
School Re-opens – 8.15am start	29 th October	
Awards Evening	1 st November	
Remembrance Service	9 th November	
England v Japan Rugby Trip	17 th November	
Year 13 Parent's Evening	30 th November	
Leaning Community Day INSET	23 rd November	
Year 11 Parent's Evening	4 th December	
School Play Opening Night TBC	5 th December	
School Play 2 nd Night TBC	6 th December	
School Play Final Night TBC	7 th December	
Carol Service	18 th December	
Life Skills Day	20 th December	
Term Ends	21 st December	
School Re-opens	7 th January 2019	

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