



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Pastoral Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to the Pastoral team this academic year.

Final Day Arrangements

Students will finish at **1.15pm on Friday 21st July**. Most scholars buses will arrive at this time to take the students home with the exception of the Go North East Services, the 454 to Easington Lane, the 457 to Whitburn Northguards and the 458 to the Wheatsheaf in Sunderland which are not available.

Bradley Lowery Foundation Fundraising Day

We raised **£786.33** for the Bradley Lowery Foundation charity last Friday. This was a huge amount to raise in one day and it was a real community effort with donations from students and staff. This money will be sent to the charity before the end of term.

The New Academic Year

Transport

All new scholars bus timetables for September 2017 are available to view on the school website. Can I also remind parents and carers who drop their children off by car, not to park in the drop off bays at the front of the school as this causes unnecessary congestion issues.

Attendance

We expect all pupils to achieve 100% attendance every academic year. If your child is absent from school you must contact the attendance team by telephone, not by text, before 9.00am on the first day of absence and then every day they are off school. A note explaining their absence is then also required on their return to school, and should be given to their tutor.

Punctuality

Our new term begins on **Tuesday 5th September 2017**. All students should return on that day in good time for an 8.45am start. We look forward to welcoming them back into our care. Over the course of the term, we have noticed a small number of students arriving late for school or being dropped off after 8.40am, can I clarify that **students are expected to be in school by 8.40am**. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child is on site by this time.



Uniform

Many visitors comment on how well turned out the students are and I am very grateful to all parents and carers for your support with this. Unfortunately, in the past, we have had the odd student returning after a holiday without full uniform, or with inappropriate shoes, or an extreme hairstyle. I would be grateful if everyone can ensure that all students, without exception, adhere to the school's expectations in this area, as detailed below, this information is available in the student planner in September and also on our Website.

Boys

- Green blazer with badge (colour of year)
- White school shirt
- School tie
- Black school trousers – traditional NOT fashion (e.g. no canvas or jean material, skin tight trousers)
- Plain black leather belt (if required)
- Years 7-9 green jumper or tank top with school name embroidered (Uniform Shop)
- Years 10-11 black jumper or tank top with school name embroidered (Uniform Shop)
- **Black formal flat leather school shoes - no trainers, trainer designs, sports brands, canvas shoes, plimsolls, no suede or pump-style footwear. No suede desert boots or shoes or Dr. Martin style boots.**
- Plain black formal leather boots worn under trousers (winter only)
- Plain dark coloured socks.

Girls

- Green blazer with badge (colour of year)
- White school blouse with short sleeve or three-quarter sleeve (No tie)
- Black school trousers – traditional NOT fashion (e.g. no leggings, canvas or jean material, skin tight trousers or hipster-style trousers)
- Plain black leather belt (if required)
- Tartan knee length school skirt
- Years 7-9 green jumper or tank top or cardigan with school name embroidered (uniform shop)
- Years 10-11 black jumper or tank top or cardigan with school name embroidered (uniform shop)
- Plain black or natural tights or white or black ankle socks
- **Plain formal black flat leather school shoes – no trainers, trainer designs, sports brands, canvas shoes, plimsolls, no suede or pump-style footwear or Dr. Martin style boots**
- Plain black flat leather boots worn under trousers (winter only)

Many thanks again for your continued support for the school and I wish you a restful, relaxing break with your families.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A McHale
Senior Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral

