



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Pastoral Update

Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support you gave to the Pastoral team during the last academic year and to wish all pupils, parents and carers a restful and relaxing final two weeks of the Summer holidays.

Houses and Awards

This year, for the second year in a row, St Godric Finchale House pupils led by their Head of House Mrs McHale gained the most achievement points in the school. This was a fantastic achievement by the whole group, every pupil in the House contributed in some way towards their winning total and the pupils were rewarded with a party on the final day to thank them for their efforts. I am sure the other Heads of House and their pupils will show a renewed determination to ensure St Godric Finchale does not make it four in a row next year. I would encourage all parents and carers to continue to ask your children to work hard to gain as many achievement points as they can for themselves and their respective Houses when we return in September.

A large number of pupils from all the Houses had their efforts recognised with certificates and awards at the end of year assemblies and this positive affirmation of hard work and dedication was a lovely way to end the term following activities week.

Attendance

- The overall school attendance at the end of the academic year 2018/19 has shown a good improvement on last year. This has been achieved because parents and carers have supported their child and the school in our drive to improve overall attendance to enable all children to make the progress they should from years 7 -11.
- Please note that if your child is absent from school you must contact the attendance team by telephone, **not text**, by 9.00am on the first day of absence and then every day they are off school following that. A note explaining absence is then also required on their return to school and must be handed to their tutor.



Appointments

- Can I remind parents and carers that appointments made during the school day should be made at **least 24 hours** before, so that school procedure can be followed correctly. Parents and carers should inform school by writing a note in their child's planner. Your child will then show this note to their Head of House who will then authorise a pink-slip so they can attend the appointment.
- Children are not allowed to leave the premises without a pink slip and parents and carers must always come into the main reception to pick their child up to take them to their appointment. Parents and carers should never walk down to the student entrance to pick up their child.
- Parents and Carers should not contact their child by mobile phone to arrange appointments during the school day, all communication of this nature should always come through the correct channels in school.

Transport

- Timetables for the scholars' bus services for the next academic year are available to view on the school website. If parents and carers have any issues with the service provided by the school buses please report directly to Nexus as well as informing school, by contacting Mr Green.

Uniform

- As usual, this year many visitors have commented on how well turned out the students are and I am very grateful to all parents and carers for your continued support with this. Unfortunately, during the final half term we had some students wearing trainers, too much make-up, fake-tan or jewellery or coming to school with extreme hairstyle, which resulted in students completing sanctions for failure to follow school rules. I would be grateful if everyone can ensure that all students, without exception, adhere to the school's expectations in this area. If students do not meet these expectations, they risk being placed in inclusion until the matter is resolved. We would much rather their year starts in a positive manner and this can only happen with the support of our parents and carers with the issues mentioned above.
- Please note – all ear piercings are not permitted for school, regardless of the time period of 'new' piercings. Please ensure that any recent piercings are removed.
- A full list of uniform, equipment and expectations are attached to this letter and these are on the school website and available in the planner in September.

Once again thank you for your support and the Pastoral team looks forward to continuing to support your children when they return in September.

Kind regards,

Mr McHale

Senior Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral



School Rules & Expectations: Uniform & Equipment

Boys

- o Green blazer with badge (colour of year)
- o White school shirt (can be short sleeve or full length sleeve)
- o School tie
- o Black school trousers – traditional NOT fashion (Straight leg, not tapered, no canvas or jean material, skin tight trousers, no stretch fabric)
- o Plain black leather belt (if required) no logo, branding or decoration visible
- o Years 7-9 green jumper or tank top with school name embroidered
- o Years 10-11 black jumper or tank top with school name embroidered
- o **Black formal flat leather school shoes - no trainers, trainer designs, sports brands, canvas shoes, plimsoles, no suede or pumpstyle footwear. No visible branding.**
- o Plain black formal leather boots worn under trousers (winter only) No Dr Martin style boots and no suede desert boots
- o Plain black socks.

Girls

- o Green blazer with badge (colour of year)
- o White school blouse with short sleeve or three-quarter sleeve (No tie)
- o Black school trousers – traditional NOT fashion (Straight loose leg, not tapered, no leggings, canvas or jean material, skin tight trousers or hipster-style trousers, no stretch fabric)
- o Plain black leather belt (if required) no logo, branding or decoration visible
- o Tartan knee length school skirt. From Sept 2019 all Year 7 and any students purchasing the new skirt **MUST** wear with 4 buttons visible.
- o Years 7-9 green jumper or tank top or cardigan with school name embroidered
- o Years 10-11 black jumper or tank top or cardigan with school name embroidered
- o Plain black or natural tights or white or black ankle socks. No patterns or decoration.
- o **Plain formal black flat leather school shoes– no trainers, trainer designs, sports brands, canvas shoes, plimsoles, no suede or pumpstyle footwear, no visible branding**
- o Plain black flat leather boots worn under Trousers (winter time only)

ALL STUDENTS

- Sensible hairstyles at the discretion of the Senior Assistant Head teacher/Assistant Head teacher (no fashion accessories, no tramlines, steps, Mohicans, or outlandish colour).
- Hair must not be shaved to an extreme shortness (the school will be the arbiter of whether hair is too short).
- No hair extensions including clip in, braids or semi-permanent extensions.
- No visible tattoos, semi –permeant and henna are not allowed.
- No earrings or body piercings. This includes clear studs or 'spacers'.
- No acrylic or artificial nails, nail varnish, gel nails, make-up or false eyelashes, painted or dyed eyebrow.
- Do NOT bring make-up into school, it will be confiscated.
- Finger nails should be kept at a sensible length so you can take part in all in and out of school activities.
- No False tan.
- All students must have a school bag to carry school books and equipment (see equipment list)
- No smartphone watches allowed.
- Mobile phones may be brought to school, but must be switched off, and in bags throughout the school day.
- Uniform will be provided on a temporary basis for those pupils who are not suitably dressed for school, this should be returned washed and dried the following day.
- Students who refuse to wear the correct school uniform will be placed in Inclusion.

EQUIPMENT

Textbooks, exercise books, student planner and folders are supplied and should be looked after with care. They are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and any loss or wilful damage will mean that you will have to pay for a replacement.

What you will need:

- A bag (large enough to hold your books and equipment)
- Pens (Black or blue)
- Green pen for improvement tasks (provided)
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Compass
- Protractor and other mathematical equipment
- PE kit
- 2 Reading books

It is important that you keep everything clean and free of graffiti, especially your planner. Planners must be signed weekly by a Parent or carer. Students MUST have a planner at all times – replacement planners will be charged to parents at a cost of £5.

PE KIT

Compulsory:

St Roberts Unisex T-Shirt
Unisex Black Shorts
Short white socks
Long black sports socks

Optional:

- Girls Black Skort
- Black sports leggings
- St Roberts Multi Sports Top
- St Roberts Training Top
- St Roberts PE Black Hoodie
- Black Tracksuit Bottoms In winter months loose fitting black tracksuit bottoms and black hoodies are permitted. No large logos. No leggings or tight fitted shorts allowed.

PE kit can be purchased online at:- www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/strobertofnewminster.co.uk

Student signature

I have read and understand the Uniform and equipment rules. I will wear my uniform with pride and adhere to the rules.

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Parent/Carer Signature

I have read and understand the Uniform and equipment rules. I will ensure my child has the correct equipment and uniform.

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