



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Year 7 parents/guardians and students,

We are really looking forward to seeing all our new year 7s in September and have been busy planning your arrival at secondary school.

Due to the lockdown it was not possible for you to have the usual two-day induction in July, so we have decided to move this to September.

Your first two days at St Alban's will be induction days, when you will be the only year group in school, so it will be much quieter than usual. The dates are Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

On these days we would like you to arrive at 8.45am and enter the playground, which is on the right of the main school entrance. There will be plenty of staff around to help and make sure you are going to the right place.

Once in the playground you will be met by your form tutor. He/she will be holding a large coloured umbrella which matches your form house colours. You will also be given a thin coloured sash to wear so that members of each form can easily be identified.

Mr Silburn (7SB) – yellow

Mrs Broxton (7BX) – blue

Mrs Robinson (7RB) – purple

Miss Lori (7LO) – white

Mr Ibrahim (7IB) – Red

Miss Tooke (7TO) – green

Your induction days will mostly be spent in your form groups taking part in a variety of activities. These will be aimed at helping you get to know the school better, getting to know your form group, and finding your way around. You will also do important tasks like having your fingerprints taken for cashless catering. Please bring your envelope of Miss Bright's completed activities which will be used during form time on both days.

A hot lunch will be provided for all students on both induction days, but you are welcome to bring in a packed lunch if you would prefer. Please bring a bottle of water for use throughout the day.

You will need a pencil case containing basic stationery, and some coloured pens and pencils will be useful too. On the second day please bring a pair of trainers or plimsolls for a PE activity in the afternoon (full PE kit will not be required)

We would like you to wear full school uniform on both days please, including correct footwear – no fabric shoes, trainers or branded shoes.

Both induction days will finish at 2.30pm, when you will be free to make your own way home.

Parents/guardians - we politely request that you do not drive on to the school site at the beginning or end of the day. We also ask that you do not come onto the playground. There will be plenty of staff available to support pupils and help them with anything they need. Lots of you will want to take a “first day at secondary school” photo. Please do this at home before your child reaches school. It is also important that you don’t drop your child off before 8.30am as there will be no staff to supervise them. Thank you in advance for your co-operation as this will allow the day to run smoothly and for the arrival of students to be as calm as possible.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we will be gradually welcoming back years 8 to 13 into school. **Year 7s do not need to come into school on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September.** We will welcome year 7s back into school on **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** when all year groups will be attending. Further details of timings and arrangements from 9<sup>th</sup> September will be communicated in the next few days.

We really look forward to welcoming you all to St. Alban’s Catholic High School in September, and hope you have a good summer break.

Kind regards,

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