

# St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



18 October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Building upon the fantastic start to the new academic year and our huge strides towards improving the quality of education and reinforcing our high standards and expectations. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their support. We will again be pushing towards regaining our outstanding status in the next half term.

All students who receive 3 late comments or 3 comments regarding inappropriate skirts, will receive a behaviour consequence in the form of a detention. We would like to reassure you that no students who are fast walking to lessons receive consequences, only those making no effort to hurry to their next lesson.

Please can I ask you to review your child's Passport from the first half term. The number of praise stamps and reward initials the pupils have earned has been fantastic. These achievements have been celebrated in the half term reward assemblies with each year group.

Could I highlight the following forthcoming key assessment dates;

**Year 9 Assessment Week starts 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019.** This is for all subjects.

**Year 11 GCSE Mock weeks start 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019.** This is for all subjects.

Following the excellent summer results by Class of 2019 and our excellent standing within the Local Authority, we have raised our expectations and aspirations for all our students. It is very important that your child uses the half term break to ensure a comprehensive Revision programme is undertaken. Please encourage them regarding good study habits.

- Century Tech - <https://app.century.tech/> All children have assignments set up on this platform for half term (best accessed through Google Chrome or Safari).
- GCSEPod ([www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com)) as a comprehensive source of GCSE materials and lessons.
- Mathswatch.
- Educake and Vocab express.

**All these digital resources can be accessed on the school website.**

Can I clarify the following points;

### **Cycling to school.**

If your child is cycling to school please could you ensure they are wearing an appropriate helmet for their safety. There is an area in school which is locked for the bike to be stored within school time. Pupils must dismount their bikes before entering the school gate.

### **Uniform.**

Following on from the earlier letter regarding trousers. The tight fitting, cropped trousers will not be allowed after the half term. This has been communicated to your child via assemblies. Please support the school in ensuring that your child is in correct uniform with all the required equipment as per the lists in their Passport.

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## **Lunchtime arrangements.**

It seems that the autumnal weather is upon us already, with recent heavy downpours and temperatures dropping. I am mindful that although we are working closely with the Diocese to improve our dining facilities rapidly, the well-being of our students is of paramount importance and therefore, after half term we will be moving to a split lunch rota, in order that all students can eat their lunch indoors.

Our growing children need time at lunch time to eat a hot meal, should they wish to do so and to sit and socialise with their peers. Our current facilities do not accommodate the whole school, which is not a concern when the weather is fine. However, the weather is now too poor for us to expect students to take packed lunches or cold food out of the building.

Consequently, lunches will run as follows;

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Lunch 1</b> Yr. 11, Yr 9, Yr 7	<b>Lunch 2</b> Yr. 10 and Yr. 8
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	12.35pm – 1.05 pm	1.35pm – 2.05pm
Weds	11.55pm -12.25pm	12.45pm -1.15pm

All food including packed lunches will be consumed in the dining hall. For the lunch 1 pupils an additional area will be allocated and supervised for packed lunches. A quiet study area will also be made available for Year 11 Students.

Active areas will also be designated as well as a quieter outdoor seating area will be available, weather permitting.

Although lunch will be 10 minutes shorter, the queues for food will be significantly reduced and therefore, students should get far longer to eat and more seating places should be available for all students to enjoy their meal and lunch time.

Please see the attached sheet showing the slight improvements to the internal school day. The increase in the form period times ensures all Prayer time, PSHE and Year assemblies are able to be as inclusive of as many topics as possible. This is vital in building on the excellent relationships, pastoral care and the overall improvement in personal development of each individual student.

Thank you for your support regarding this matter and we will continue to work with the Diocese, who have been hugely supportive of us, to ensure we resolve the capacity issue of the dining room as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Corrigan  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL DAY

<u>Times</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
<b>8.45am – 9.15 am</b>	<b>Form Period</b>
9.15am – 10.15am	Lesson 1
10.15am – 11.15am	Lesson 2
<b>11.15am – 11.35am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.35am – 12.35pm	Lesson 3
<b>12.35pm – 1.05pm</b>	<b>Lunch 1 for Year 11, Year 9 and Year 7</b>
12.35pm – 1.35pm	Lesson 4 for Yr 10 and Yr 8
<b>1.35pm – 2.05pm</b>	<b>Lunch 2 for Year 10 and Year 8</b>
1.05pm – 2.05pm	Lesson 4 for Yr11, Yr 9, Yr 7
2.05pm – 3.05pm	Lesson 5
<b>End of School Day</b>	

## Wednesday Only

<u>Times</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
<b>8.45am – 9.10 am</b>	<b>Form Period</b>
9.10am – 10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00am – 10.50am	Lesson 2
<b>10.50am – 11.05am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.05am – 11.55pm	Lesson 3
<b>11.55pm – 12.25pm</b>	<b>Lunch 1 for Year 11, Year 9 and Year 7</b>
11.55pm – 12.45pm	Lesson 4 for Yr 10 and Yr 8
<b>12.45pm – 1.15pm</b>	<b>Lunch 2 for Year 10 and Year 8</b>
12.25pm – 1.15pm	Lesson 4 for Yr11, Yr 9, Yr 7
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