



ABBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

5 August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have enjoyed the summer so far, after a very challenging year.

It's hard to believe that the new academic year will be upon us very soon. I am looking forward to welcoming your son / daughter to Year 8 and working in partnership with you to ensure that they make excellent progress next year and into the future. Their education, safety, health and well-being are very important to us at all times.

You will already have received a copy of the Parent Information Booklet containing a lot of information for parents and students; I hope you have found it useful. If you require another copy please contact the school office.

In advance of the new school year there are a couple of things below that I would like to draw your attention to:

Uniform

We take great pride in our smart school uniform and encourage students to maintain the highest standards at all times. In keeping with our uniform policy please be reminded that all students are expected to wear plain black leather shoes to school, as outlined in the Parent/Student information booklet and the Parent area on the website. **NO** black trainers, trainer style or canvas shoes are permitted.

School Fund

In order to enable us to support a variety of extra activities, resources and experiences for students we respectfully request an annual voluntary School Fund contribution of £12 for the first child or £20 for 2 children or £25 for families with 3 or more children in the school. This payment would be gratefully received at the office when you come for your Parental Interview.

SIMS Parent App

We will use the SIMS Parent App to keep you up-to-date with your child's progress, attendance, timetables, announcements, reports etc. It will also enable you to use the cashless system that will be introduced for some activities this year. It is essential that you register for the App, we will send a link to the email address you have provided shortly, to invite you to join.

You are welcome at Abbey Community College at any time and I encourage you not to hesitate to contact us should you need to.

Please see below, the start of term arrangements for your child.

With kind regards

Maria Quinn
Principal



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Start of Term Schedule – Tutor Groups 8JPM, 8SLM and 8CWM

Thursday 26 August	All of Year 8 will attend. Full school uniform must be worn and students must bring any necessary equipment in a school bag. Students must also bring a snack for break. No school buses will be available.	9.30am to 12.30pm
Friday 27 August	Parents are invited to come to school for a parental interview with your child's Class Tutor. (Please see details at the top of this letter). Please contact the school office on 90 867431 to make an appointment for this day. Your child should attend this appointment with you.	Interviews will run from 9.15 to 1pm. Please contact the school to book a time.
Tuesday 31 August	Only students in tutor groups 8JPM, 8SLM and 8CWM will attend. (Please see the top of this letter for details). Students in the above classes will be sitting English and Maths tests. Students will wear school uniform and bring with them a set of headphones for the testing and a snack for break. There will be no school buses. Parental Interviews continue (while your child is in testing). If you could not get an appointment for Friday 27 th please ring to make an appointment.	9.15am to 1.00pm 9.15am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 1 September	Year 8 do NOT attend	
Thursday 2 September	Whole school returns	9.00am – 2.35pm

Please Note:

- School Buses aren't available until Thursday 2 September
- School Canteen facilities won't be available until Thursday 2 September