

# Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School



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Dear Parents/Carers

As the majority of the year groups prepare to return to school, we welcome our new Year 7 pupils to the community and welcome 'new and old' pupils to Year 12.

It will be really good to have the whole school back together on Monday. In advance of that, I wanted to update you on several items.

## 1. RESULTS

We are so proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils who performed so well at 'A' Level, BTEC and GCSE. At 'A' Level, over a third of the grades awarded were an A\*-B. At BTEC, 34% of pupils gained a Distinction\*; 80% Distinction/Distinction\*. These are really excellent results. We know that the Year 11 and Year 13 pupils worked hard and were supported by their teachers.

Year 11 pupils obtained really amazing results which were far above targets and higher than the teacher assessed grades of 2021. 55% of grades awarded were 7-9; and 83% were grades 9-5.

These are really wonderful results and are a testament to the hard work of the pupils and the dedication of the SHOM staff.

## 2. BUILDING WORK

A vast amount of upgrades and building work has taken place over the summer thanks to a government bid, usage of the parental building fund and fundraising.

- The second wave of electrical updating has taken place in 'B' Block, 'D' Block and the Sports Hall.
- The Main School Kitchen has been refitted and extended.
- Paving has been replaced.

- New Interactive Whiteboards have been added to 12 rooms, in addition to the ones added last year.
- The new website has gone live.
- The Food Technology Computer Room has been updated.

### 3. **NEW STAFF**

We welcome to the school teaching staff, Miss Burke and Mrs Ahmed in the Maths Department; Mrs Khanom to the Business Department; Mrs Jerome to Science and Miss Ortiz-Garcia to PE.

### 4. **ZANZIBAR**

Over the summer, a group of pupils had a 'once in a life time' trip to Zanzibar – I am sure many of you followed their escapades on the school social media platforms. A huge thank you has to go to Miss Joyce and Mr Carver for accompanying the pupils and Miss Munday for organising.

### 5. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

We have been reviewing our School Code of Conduct and have had input from staff and pupils alike. The aim of this is to make really clear the responsibilities we all have in the school community and that the expectations we have for pupils are clear – the expectations of respect, being ready to learn and pride in our school. Staff will review this with the pupils in the first few days of term. I would also appreciate it if you could read through this with your daughter so she is clear on these expectations.

#### **Code of Conduct for Year 7 to 11:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SqceFxjR0UQppFHEPccc6HK5wAM2SUnjvBiKpko8wGU/edit?usp=sharing->

The Code is slightly different for Year 12 and Year 13 pupils.

#### **Code of Conduct for Year 12 and 13:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_QeYfX3Eb2MO3kJ-EvBqY-09ibglbr9blAaiTto5OQs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_QeYfX3Eb2MO3kJ-EvBqY-09ibglbr9blAaiTto5OQs/edit?usp=sharing)

To this end, I am asking for your support. This weekend, please ensure that your daughter is ready for school. She is to return in summer uniform. Her hair has to be a natural colour; no fake/extended eyelashes or nails. If your daughter is not properly attired for school, she will be sent home to change. Pupils are to change into PE kit in school on the day they have PE and wear full uniform to and from school.

Please note that Smart watches are no longer permitted.

Pupils have the weekend to ensure that they are ready for school and I really do appreciate your support on this matter.

**All pupils need to be in school by 8.40 a.m. via the gate on St Mary's Lane. After this, they are late, and will be in a 15 minute detention that night.**

## 6. KEY DATES

The School Calendar can be accessed via the school website, but please note the following key dates for the first few weeks back:


8/9/22	-	Yr 7, Parental Welcome Evening, 6.00 p.m.
13/9/22	-	Year 7/10 and new Year 12 photos
15/9/22	-	Year 8, HPV Injections
17/9/22	-	Year 7, Family BBQ, 12.00 p.m.
19/9/22	-	Year 12, Parental Welcome Evening, 6.00 p.m.
22/9/22	-	Year 10, Parental Welcome Evening, 6.00 p.m.

On 29 September 2022, we are holding a PTFA Evening where we would really welcome new members to work on fundraising for the school.

The beginning of a new year is always a mix of excitement and nerves for pupils and staff alike. I would ask for your prayers for the community and, in particular, our Year 13 pupils who left this summer to embark upon their ventures new. Also, please keep Mr Barry Welch, former Head of Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, in your prayers, as he died in July.

I look forward to the year ahead with your wonderful children.

Yours faithfully



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