

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming our **Year 7 students** for the first day of the autumn term on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. To make the morning run smoothly, please read the arrangements below carefully and share them with your child.

First day arrival times and meeting locations

Your child must be at line up by 8.40am each morning, therefore in the school gate by 8.38am each day. **Year 7 students are to make their way to the Sports Hall.**

Lessons

Formal lessons begin in Period 3 on the first day. The morning is dedicated to year-group welcomes, routines and key routines for the year.

Basic equipment (students should bring each day)

Please ensure your child comes with a school bag suitable to carry their equipment and with enough room to carry their PE equipment:

- 2 pens and a green pen
- Pencil and ruler
- Scientific calculator
- A prayer and notebook (These will be issued to students on the first day. It is your child's responsibility to keep them safe.)
- A refillable water bottle

Uniform expectations (required)

- Black blazer with school logo
- Plain white school shirt
- School tie
- Royal blue slipover with logo
- Girls: plain black pleated skirt (with or without logo) — must be worn with plain black tights (40 denier or thicker) — or black tailored trousers. If wearing a skirt, these should be the correct size and not rolled up
- Boys: black tailored trousers
- Plain black tights (with skirt) or plain black socks (with trousers)
- Flat black shoes (formal, polishable; no canvas)

Suitable Footwear



NOT Suitable Footwear



PE kit

- Blue t-shirt with logo (compulsory)
- Royal blue shorts or skirt with or without the school logo
- Blue ¼ zip top with logo (not compulsory)
- Plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no markings or brands)
- Royal blue waterproof jacket with logo (not compulsory)
- Blue or plain white sports socks
- Trainers for use in the sports hall and outdoors
- A plain royal blue sweatshirt may be worn in cooler weather (no markings or brands)

Additional uniform information: please note:

- Outdoor coats: plain only, no denim or leather.
- No sweatshirts, hoodies or non-uniform sports tops.
- No jewellery except a wristwatch (no smart watches).
- No make-up, false eyelashes, nail polish or false nails.
- Shoes must be black, formal and polishable (no trainers). Trainers are only permitted for PE.
- Hair must be a style and colour suitable for school; extreme styles, colours and extensions are not permitted.
- Any non-uniform items or jewellery will be confiscated and must be collected by an adult from Reception.
- Please ensure all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Importance of attendance

As we begin the new school year at St Anne's, please ensure your child attends every day unless they are genuinely unwell, regular attendance is one of the simplest things parents can do to improve attainment, wellbeing and long-term opportunity. Research and recent statutory guidance show that pupils with higher attendance achieve better exam outcomes and miss fewer important stages of learning; persistent absence is strongly linked to lower attainment and wider social and emotional

harm. At St Anne's we will work with families to remove barriers to attendance and offer support where needed, if you have concerns, please contact our Attendance Team, so we can help your child be in school ready to learn every day.

BE HERE. ACHIEVE HERE.
EVERY DAY COUNTS
 Good attendance = brighter futures

We are here to support your child to succeed.

Attending school every day helps your child:

- Learn more
- Achieve their potential
- Build friendships and confidence
- Have more choices for the future

WHAT DOES GOOD ATTENDANCE LOOK LIKE?	
100%	0 DAYS MISSED Excellent – your child is making the most of every opportunity.
95%	9 DAYS MISSED Good – still chance to make strong progress.
90%	19 DAYS MISSED Worrying – your child may fall behind.
85%	29 DAYS MISSED Serious concern – your child is missing too much learning.
80%	38 DAYS MISSED Critical – this will have a big impact on attainment and future choices.

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING
 Being late adds up!

- 5 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 3 DAYS LOST EACH YEAR
- 15 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 2 WEEKS LOST EACH YEAR
- 30 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 4 WEEKS LOST EACH YEAR

GOOD ATTENDANCE CAN IMPROVE SUCCESS

Students with good attendance are more likely to achieve good grades and have more options for their future.

EVERY DAY SHAPES THEIR TOMORROW

Your support makes a huge difference.
 Let's work together to help your child be here, succeed and thrive.

LEARNING
 CONFIDENCE
 FUTURE

If you need any support with attendance, please contact the school – we are here to help.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT.

Lastly, I would like to remind all parents/carers that mobile phones are not allowed on site, if seen or heard they will be confiscated and a parent/carer will have to come and pick up the confiscated mobile phone from reception. If you have any immediate uniform queries or concerns, please contact the school office before the start of term.

We are proud of the progress St Anne's has made and look forward to working with you and your child as we continue to raise standards and support every student to flourish. Thank you for your support in ensuring students arrive ready to learn and represent our school with pride.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Sutcliffe
 Headteacher