



# St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our transition days at St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June 2022. During these three days your child will take part in a range of lessons and activities to prepare them for life in secondary school. Below are some key reminders to prepare you and them for the three days:

## **What to expect**

During the course of the three days your child will:

- Take part in taster lessons from a range of different subjects they will be studying in Year 7
- Meet their form tutor and other members of their form class
- Meet the Headteacher and leadership team, and staff with key responsibilities in school
- Have assemblies with key information, including our online systems and safety
- Have a tour of the school, have their biometrics recorded ready for lunches in September
- Take part in a year group liturgy at the end of the three transition days

## **Timings of the day**

Your child should arrive for registration at **8.45am** and enter via the pupil entrance on Thornhill Terrace. The school day ends for Year 6 students at **3.15pm**. Morning break is 9.40am-10.00am and lunchtime is 12.00am-1.20pm. *Please note: parents/carers are advised not to drive up Thornhill Terrace to avoid congestion and to help safeguard our students.*

## **What to wear**

Your child should arrive in their primary school uniform. To fully prepare them for September we ask that they adhere to our uniform policy and ensure long hair is tied up, no make-up, false nails, false eyelashes or any jewellery other than a wrist watch is worn.

## **What to bring**

- A suitable bag to hold all equipment.
- Equipment for the day: a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, notebook and trainers/gym shoes for PE lessons.
- A water bottle (must be kept in bags during lessons).
- A packed lunch if not having a school lunch (more information below)
- Any medication required by your child (**please ensure you have made our staff aware in advance of any medical needs or allergies**).

*Please note: Mobile phones can be brought into school but **must** be switched off at all times during the school day.*

## **School lunch**



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Your child will be given the option of a free lunch in school for the three days they are here. This is the menu for each day:

**Tuesday:** Minced beef and dumplings or Vegetable curry with rice.

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey and Yorkshire pudding or Macaroni cheese.

**Thursday:** Chinese chicken curry or Quorn hot dog in a bun.

## Help/Support whilst your child is with us

- Rest assured we will contact you if we have any concerns about your child, but should you need to contact school the number is 0191 5658904 – please ask to speak to Miss Jones (Year Leader) or Mrs McGann (Transition Co-ordinator) who will be able to help.
- If you have any specific SENDCo queries our SENDCo is Mrs Dugdale.
- We operate a buddy programme where Year 8 students will be allocated to your child's form class, and will be on hand throughout the three days to assist and support your child.

Finally, a reminder that there will be a Parent Information Evening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 6pm-7pm where you can find out more information about your child's transition into St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy and can speak to key staff. Our uniform suppliers will also be available at this time. Your child is very welcome to come along with you.

We look forward to welcoming your child to the academy and hope they get a good flavour of our school life ready for September over these transition days.

Yours sincerely,

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