



August 2026

Dear Year 12 Parents and Carers

We hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week and are delighted for you to commence your Post 16 studies with us.

We are delighted with our A Level and GCSE examination results. We are particularly proud of our GCSE outcomes, which are the highest in the school's history.

- 80% of Year 11 students gained a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths.
- 67% gained a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths, placing us among the top two performing schools in the city.

It has been a very busy summer as we prepare for the opening of phase 1 of the new school. While there have been some challenges, we are nearly ready to welcome students into the new building.

Further work will continue on site throughout the coming year as phase 2 progresses. This will affect vehicle access, so we ask all parents and carers to read the following guidance carefully and follow the arrangements in place.

Year 12 Return to School

To ensure that all students are fully briefed on the safety arrangements and how to move around the new building, we will operate a staggered start to the school year.

Our new Year 12 cohort will return to school on Friday 11th September at 10.00am. Students should not arrive more than 10 minutes before this time. Upon arrival, you will be directed by members of the Sixth Form team where you will complete your induction to the new site and your designated Post 16 area.

Due to the continued work on site, **there will be no parking facilities for Post 16 learners** this academic year. Students with their own vehicles will not be able to park on site. Therefore, please ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

You can also find information surrounding the Post 16 Dress Code attached to the end of this letter.

Please contact the Post 16 team via: SJHN-SixthFormPastoralTeam@hccmac.co.uk if you have any queries.

Access to the site

Pedestrians: Students walking to school, or being dropped off outside the site, should enter via the Tamworth Road gate or the pedestrian gate from Bennetts Road South.

Please note: During the school day, pedestrian access for students and visitors will be via the Bennetts Road South gate only. The Sandpits Lane pedestrian gate is **no longer in use**.





Vehicle Access

As previously stated, Post 16 learners will no longer be permitted to park their vehicles on site. We also **strongly recommend** that parents and carers do not drive onto the school site to drop off or collect students. Parking is extremely limited while we share the area that will become our car park with the construction team. If driving onto the site is unavoidable, please follow the instructions below carefully to help us keep traffic moving safely.

Vehicle Access to site – drop-off and collection

Vehicles should enter the school site through the first gate on the left when approaching from Bennetts Road South. If approaching from Tamworth Road, this will be the third gate on the right.



Parents and carers must remain in their vehicle at all times while on site.

On entry, vehicles must turn right and follow the directed queue system. Parents and carers must remain in their vehicles throughout. During drop-off and collection times, vehicles must not turn left into the main school car park. Upon entering the site vehicles will be directed to take the second left as indicated below. There is a student pathway that is situated behind the red and white barriers.





We have very limited space for parents when collecting students at the end of the day. We will support families with a specific need to access the site where possible; however, if the junction at Bennetts Road South becomes gridlocked, we may need to move to a **no-vehicle site**. Please avoid driving onto the site wherever possible and do not arrive early for collection, as this can obstruct traffic on Sandpits Lane and Bennetts Road South.

If you need to collect a student during the school day for a medical appointment, please enter via the vehicle gate, turn right, remain in your vehicle and call reception to let us know you have arrived.

We are excited to welcome students back next week and look forward to beginning a successful new academic year in our new building. We anticipate that there will be teething problems in the early weeks we ask for your patience as we navigate these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher





Sixth Form Dress Code 2026–2027

Girls should wear:

- Business wear trousers which are full-length or ankle-length and have a tailored style, should not be tight
- Business wear skirts or dresses of a suitable length and no shorter than just above the knee
- Business wear blouse or top of any colour
- Plain tights
- Discreet make-up
- Smart shoes
- Business wear jackets which should be worn at all times

Girls should not wear:

- Short or tight skirts, dresses or trousers, including body-con skirts and dresses or tube style skirts
- Denim, leather or leather-look clothing
- Jeans/shorts/leggings/cropped trousers or tight-fitting trousers
- Footless tights/patterned tights
- Denim, combat or jogging trousers
- Revealing clothing of any type: tops must not be too strappy, reveal the midriff or expose the chest
- Ugg boots, Dr Martens' boots, biker boots, trainers and canvas or Converse shoes are not permitted

Boys should wear:

- Business suit consisting of matching jacket and trousers of the same material, colour and pattern
- Business collared shirt. Shirts should be smart, of a plain single colour, discreet thin striped or regular small patterned, worn with top buttons done up and shirts tucked in
- Smart shoes or boots that are formal, and dark in colour. Boot type shoes are allowed provided they are worn under, not over trousers
- Suit jackets to be worn at all times

Boys should not wear:

- Polo shirts/T shirts
- Hooded tops are not allowed
- No trainers or canvas shoes
- Denim, leather or leather-look clothing
- Jeans/shorts/cropped trousers
- Combat or jogging trousers
- Dr Marten's boots, biker boots, trainers and canvas or Converse shoes are not permitted





Male and Female Accessories

- **Coats:** Should be plain and formal
- **Jewellery:** Sixth form students are permitted to wear jewellery but are asked to keep it minimal and discreet
- **Make-up:** Light, subtle make-up may be worn
- **Hair colour:** No extreme styles allowed
- **Head Coverings:** No headwear indoors, except religious head coverings which should be plain dark or white in colour
- **Earpieces:** From phones or music devices should not be worn around necks or ears
- **Mobile phones:** Not seen and not heard on school site
- **Your identity card must always be on display:** these will be issued in September.

Note:

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive but instead represents a guideline and **the ultimate decision as to what is/is not acceptable will be made by the Leadership Team.**

