



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A SCIENCE SPECIALIST COLLEGE

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MLR/hr/Easter parent letter
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It seems amazing to find ourselves at Maundy Thursday already and I want to commend the students for the way they have settled back into school and for the way they joined in our Feast Day celebration.

Dress Code:

In anticipation of the phased reopening of some businesses, we will see the students return to normal in terms of uniform standards and I thought it timely to send out some reminders. School uniform has not changed and all elements of the dress code remain the same as ever:

- ❖ Boys' hair must not touch the collar or the eyebrows and must be no shorter than a grade 4
- ❖ Students are not allowed to have dyed hair
- ❖ Skirts must be at the bottom of the knee
- ❖ Only plain dark coats are permitted
- ❖ Only SJC tracksuit trousers are permitted

After Easter we will have full use of the hall again as the building work is now complete. This means that we will go back to having two dining spaces. In addition we have used school fund to install two large canopies which covers an area in the quad and we are purchasing benches to make an alfresco eating area. I am very grateful to everyone who contributes to school fund; every penny we spend is on the students and it helps to make these enhancements possible.

Having our hall back also means we can begin to reintroduce year group assemblies, which will be of huge benefit to all the students, not just for messages but because our faith life and the sense of shared values, community and a happy family is what makes life here so special.

Parking:

- ❖ Please can I ask that parents do not park at or near the Michelin if you are meeting students from the fields. The Michelin is being used as a vaccination centre and the NHS staff there have contacted me with reports of people being unable to park and leaving without being vaccinated, putting them at great risk.
- ❖ I am asking all parents to pull onto the site to drop off and collect students both morning and afternoon. The gates are open from 8:20am for 25 minutes in the morning and from 2:40pm for more than an hour in the afternoon so there is ample time. It may take a few minutes longer but I urge all students and parents to be considerate to our neighbours. We try to be the best neighbour we can be within our community. There have been scores of complaints from residents about parking on London Road and all the side streets, and I have told them all that I will make sure that parents support us in this. **Please do not wait on London Road or on any of the side streets locally** – wait on the school yard or arrange to meet your child well away from the school.

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Exciting new status for St Joseph's College:

Parents will be aware that St Joseph's College has been a Teaching School for a number of years. You may have seen in the press recently that we have now been designated as a Teaching Schools Hub, one of only 87 centres of excellence across the country, each of whom will lead on teacher recruitment, training and leaders' development across a wide region – this is a fantastic recognition of the exceptional work that goes on here and we are extremely proud.

We have been appointed to support all 317 schools of Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester and Mr E Leighton be the leader of this very exciting and prestigious role. This work will not affect the day-to-day experience of your children and to increase capacity we are making some additional appointments to our Senior Leadership Team, the first of which is Mrs S Gilding who will now be one of our Assistant Headteachers.

Finally, I want to wish all families a very happy and holy Easter. The hope of this most beautiful and sacred time resonates for us all as we begin to emerge from the darkness of the last year. My prayer for all families is that this Easter season is one of renewed hope and joy.

With my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Ms M Roberts
Headteacher