



St. Malachy's College

36 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AE



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come closer to the end of the Summer break, I am writing to remind you of the return to school arrangements for our Year 11 boys.

The first day for our Year 11 boys will be Thursday 29 August. This will involve our Year 11 boys attending from **1:00pm until 3:00pm for an Induction session.**

The boys should attend in full uniform, with regulation hairstyles and bring a snack with them for their break on the induction afternoon. As you will be aware, the boys will be moving into new Tutor Groups as they commence Key Stage 4. In preparation for this transition, please encourage your son to look on this change as a positive way to develop new friendships as he begins his GCSE studies. These classes have been structured around GCSE option choices and it will not be possible for boys to move from their allocated class. We understand that some boys may be anxious about this change and pastoral staff will support each student. Your son will meet his new Form Tutor during the induction afternoon and his Head of Year for Year 11 will be Miss Hallgarth (bhallgarth112@c2ken.net).

Boys should enter via the Main College Avenue gates and they will be directed to their Form Room where they will be met by their Class Tutor. **Year 11 pupils are then not required to be in school again until Monday 2 September**, when academic classes shall commence.

We at the College deeply value the close partnership that exists between staff and our parents/carers. I am pleased to inform you that we plan to hold a **'Key Stage 4 Ready' Parent Information Meeting in the College Hall at 2pm on Thursday 29 August**, the same day as your son's Induction and would encourage all boys to attend with their parents. Parking will be beside the football pitch - entrance via the gate at the top of Lincoln Avenue. However, as Lincoln Avenue can become very congested you may prefer to park outside the College grounds and arrive on foot.

This meeting will provide you with information on how your son can make the best possible start to Key Stage 4. We will outline the expectations for students in Year 11 and the role that you as parents/carers can play in supporting your son during this important transition period and beyond. It will be a great opportunity for you to receive key information to support your understanding of GCSE study.

Finally, I thank you for your support throughout last year and for continuing to work closely with us in support of the boys' education and development. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 Malachians back to the College!

Yours faithfully,

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