



St. Malachy's College

36 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AE



August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are now preparing to open the College to all pupils, I am writing to inform you about our plans to do so. The first days for our Year 8 pupils are listed below.

- **Year 8 Sports Camp Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 August 10am – 2pm. Enter the College via the Lincoln Avenue Gate, or Girdwood Gate and meet at the Sports Hall.** Parking during this time will be limited and there may be heavy congestion in Lincoln Avenue. Therefore, you are encouraged to park off site and walk your son to the College Sports Hall via the designated pedestrian entrances at Girdwood or Antrim Road. *(All pupils to attend in Sports Gear, Trainers, and bring Lunch and Water – College PE Gear will be distributed at Sports Camp)*
- **Year 8 Induction Day 1 Thursday 29 August 9:30am – 12:00pm**
- **Year 8 Induction Day 2 Friday 30 August 9:30am – 12:00pm**

During Induction Days 1 and 2 the boys should attend in full uniform, with regulation hairstyles and bring a snack with them for their break on the induction mornings. **Boys should enter via the Main College Avenue gates and proceed to the College Hall** where they will be directed to their Form Room by a member of College Staff, assisted by Senior College Prefects, to be met by their Class Tutor. Once the session has ended your son is free to go home on each of the induction days at 12:00pm.

Please be advised that there will be strictly no access to the College site for Parents/Carers on these induction mornings. Additionally, due to health and safety no Parent/Carer may drive into the College grounds to drop off or pick up their son during the school year. Where there is a medical issue, we may make an arrangement with you regarding this and you should contact the Head of Year, Miss J Keelan, to discuss.

Year 8 pupils are then required to be in school on Monday 2 September from 8:55am until 3:25pm, when academic classes shall commence for Year 8 pupils.

We at the College deeply value the close partnership that exists between staff and our Parents/Carers. We plan to hold a **Virtual Parent Information Meeting via Zoom at 2:00pm on Thursday 29 August**. Details on how you can gain access to the live zoom meeting are listed at the bottom of this letter. **If you cannot attend the live Parent Information Meeting a recording of the session will be available for you to access via the College website that evening.** A password will be sent to you via the College's ParentApp allowing you to access the recording via the College's website.

Please continue to consult our various social media platforms over the late summer period and ensure that you have signed up for ParentApp so that you keep up to date with events and developments and can receive relevant documents pertaining to the Year 8 Curriculum Provision.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 8 pupils to the College and ask that you work closely with us to ensure that we can support the boys to be happy at school and allow them to realise their potential in the months and years ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Heaney

Head of Junior School

Virtual Parent Information Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81822948162?pwd=SFZHR0lFajdiY3MvZnFIUVNidU9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 2294 8162

Passcode: 1BKBhi

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