Maria Fidelis
Catholic School FCJ

Growing together through Christ with courage, confidence and dignity

16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to our last week of school before the half-term break, there are a number of matters we would like to bring to your attention.

Message from the Chair of Governors

Mr. Anthony, our Headmaster, has had an accident cycling to work this week. He will be recovering over the next weeks. In his absence, Ms. Masud will be covering his duties on a temporary basis as acting Headteacher. We wish Mr. Anthony a speedy and full recovery, and keep him and his family in our prayers.

Sleeping Rough for the Passage

Last year, a group of Year 8 students led on Project Green which aimed to improve their local environment. This year, they want to develop the project to see what they can do to help the homeless. The school has been a long-standing supporter of The Passage, and the students have organised for a number of Year 8s and staff, including myself, to sleep rough in the playground to raise awareness and raise money for The Passage. We have set up a Just Giving page and would be grateful for any donations: Maria Fidelis is fundraising for Passage 2000

Return after Half-term

Coupled with our much-improved exam results over the summer, the new academic year has begun very well and we want to ensure that we maintain these high standards. Please can I ask that we maintain standards on behaviour for learning, attendance and uniform. Students' learning is of paramount importance; therefore, please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, fully equipped and with completed homework so that unnecessary time is not spent addressing these issues upon our return.

Please take a moment to note our uniform and equipment expectations.

- Kilts must be knee-length and not rolled at the waist
- Plain black school shoes. Trainers are not permitted.
- Plain blue or black coat.
- Hair - neat and tidy, with no colouring/dyes or shaved designs/patterns.
- Make-up and false eyelashes are not permitted.
- No jewellery other than a small crucifix and one small plain stud in each lower earlobe. No upper/inner-ear or facial piercings.
- Nails - short and tidy. No nail varnish or false/acrylic nails.
- Hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated.
- Students must arrive fully equipped and ready to learn.
- All students should use their journal to record homework and important information.

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If you are experiencing any difficulty in purchasing uniform, please do contact your child's Head of Year so that we can help.

Key Forthcoming Dates
Please take note of the dates below, particularly our closures for INSET.

21 October	Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	Year 10 parents' evening
23 October	Friday	All day	INSET – school closed to all students
02 November	Monday	All day	INSET – school closed to all students
03 November – please note that this has changed from 04 November	Tuesday	As per appointment times; these will be given to students next week.	Academic Review Day, Yr11 students only – school closed to all other students
04 November	Wednesday	Usual time, 8:20am	School re-opens
06 November	Friday	Night	Sleeping rough in the playground for the Passage
18 November	Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	Year 8 parents' evening
23 November – 4 December	Fortnight	As per mock timetable to be issued next week	Year 11 and 13 mock examinations
30 November – 11 December	Fortnight	As per mock timetable to be issued next week	Year 12 mock examinations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support as we work together as a school community.

Kind regards,

Ms S. Masud
Acting Headteacher

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