

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and hopefully revived after the summer break.

We welcome back our girls and say a big hello to our new students. We all look forward to supporting everyone here and wish them all the best for this year.

During this past summer, we've undertaken some major upgrades to the College, including: a major refurbishment to the canteen; a long overdue remodelling and installation of new toilets for students and staff; the Euphrasie Barbier building has been extensively redecorated, inside and outside, with new windows and roofing to arrive later on this term; new computers have been procured and set up; major roofing repairs have been carried out and the continued renovation and cultivation of the grounds and a general uplift in the appearance of College has taken place including new signage. A very special thank you goes to our premises team and IT teams who, in conjunction with the excellent builders and technical workers the College has had on site throughout the summer, have been crucial in realising these major works. This is the start of a rolling process of structural improvement, budget permitting, which will modernise and enhance the teaching and learning environment for our students and staff. The principal of our linked College, St Dominic's Sixth Form College, Mr Andrew Parkin, continues to support our College and we are very grateful for that.

The College and our governors are in discussion over an optional addition to our uniform: trousers. I will keep you informed of any developments over this and I hope to consult with parents, carers and students over an acceptable design if and when a decision is made.

This year, the College will be inspected by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate, a national body that will consider the quality of the Catholic Life and spirituality of the College as well as the quality of Religious Education where we hope to maintain our current Outstanding status. Very importantly, I take this opportunity to congratulate our students who achieved fantastic examination results, in line with past attainment and above national averages, and endeavour to build upon these come the end of this year. On the teaching front, we have appointed a significant number of new permanent staff and we all look forward to encouraging them to be the best that they can be.

Now is an opportunity to remind all parents, carers and students of the fundamental, essential pillars of everyday life at the College: behaviour and uniform. From last January, with key parental and carer involvement and consent, the College initiated the foundation of a strict uniform and behaviour policy. It was an area which needed urgent attention for the benefit of all our community. This was, and is, a very important area of College life and has

resulted in the launch of our new Behaviour for Learning Policy, which will come into effect from Monday 8th September.

This policy has been carefully designed to support our stated intention of nurturing a respectful, inclusive, and aspirational learning environment. It reflects our College's commitment to ensuring that every student is given the means to succeed, academically and personally, whilst contributing positively to our whole College community.

This new policy outlines clear expectations for behaviour, in and out of the classroom. It actively promotes restorative practices, which is the understanding that honest, trusting relationships within our community are important to resolving conflict, and it introduces a consistent framework for recognising positive contributions and addressing challenges. It has been shaped by rigorous, on-site collaboration conducted in association with a professional educational agency, feedback from staff, students, parents & carers, and it aligns with our core values of compassion, integrity, and excellence.

The key features of the policy include:

- Setting clear behavioural expectations that promote focus, respect, and responsibility.
- Introducing a structured response system to support students in making positive choices.
- Recognition and rewards for exemplary behaviour and effort.
- Incorporate restorative approaches to help resolve conflicts and rebuild relationships.

We believe that this policy will strengthen our learning culture and help all students to feel safe, supported and motivated to succeed whilst rewarding positive actions.

Please take time to read and understand these policies on our website:

Behaviour Policy

<https://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3648&type=pdf>

Consequences Matrix

<https://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3649&type=pdf>

as there will be a strict, zero tolerance approach to applying consequences if these clearly explained regulations are not adhered to.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support and I look forward to meeting you when the opportunity arises.

Finally, in this continued Jubilee Year of Hope, I can assure you that all staff here at The Sacred Heart Language College for girls, our head girl, Olivia Cummings, the student leadership team and myself will work hard to maintain and build upon our current standards and we all look forward to having a successful new academic year.

Kind regards



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