



Diocese of St. Albans



12 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Reference: Sports Days and school trips next week Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2022

It is with regret that I have decided to cancel the Sports Days next week due to the heat. The forecast for Monday and Tuesday indicates that it will be very hot at 33°C or higher; we have no shade on the school field and the sports hall is closed until the end of September due to essential roof repairs. Common sense, along with advice from Hertfordshire Health Protection Team mean that it would be irresponsible to staff and students to go ahead with a whole-day event that means everyone would be outside all day.

I am very sorry that it has come to this - we were all looking forward to a return to normal Sports Day after the last two years where Covid has prevented it.

There will be an indoor alternative on these days so please ensure your child comes to school as normal, and please ensure that they bring water bottles into school to help keep hydrated: remember the water is free from the water fountains but we do not allow people to carry open topped cups around school.

**Students will be permitted to wear their school PE kit on the day they would have had their Sports Day (this is not non-uniform, it must comply with the uniform policy\*, but it will make the heat more manageable for students).**

The school trips scheduled for Monday and Tuesday will take place, as travel to and from the events is by air conditioned coach and students are not outside for prolonged periods of time. **Students may wear their own clothing which should be light, cool but protective of the sun. Water bottles are a must for students to stay hydrated.**

Reference: Jubilee day Friday 15 July 2022

On Friday this week the school is holding a Jubilee day, where normal timetabled lessons are suspended. Note again the slightly amended timings for the day

- **Site/Doors Open:** 8.15am
- AM Registration: 9.00am – 9.30am (students need to be in registration at 9.00am)
- Activity 1: 9.30am – 11.30am
- Break/Lunch: 11.30am – 12.15pm
- PM Registration: 12.15pm – 12.30pm
- Activity 2: 12.30 – 2.30pm
- **End:** 2.30pm (The school bus will depart school at 2:50pm)

**On this day students are permitted to wear light, comfortable clothing (non-uniform) that they can move freely in and keep as cool as possible.**

*\* students not in the correct PE kit or uniform on the appropriate days will be sent home to change.*

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Reference: Wednesday 20 July 2022

The last day of the Summer Term at St Mary's is one where we gather to celebrate the successes of the year. Normal lessons will take place for Period 1 and Period 2. Following break, students will return to their form bases for tutorial and a year-group act of worship. All students will be dismissed at 12.00 midday. The school bus will depart school at 12.20pm.

Year 12 are on work experience from 18-20th July and will receive end of term information from the year team.

**On the final day of term next week students will be permitted to wear either their school PE kit\*, or school uniform without blazers, jumpers and ties\* (hot weather protocol).**

*\* students not in the correct PE kit or uniform on the appropriate days will be sent home to change.*

Thank you for your support and we hope your child finds the last four days of the school year thoroughly enjoyable.

Yours faithfully



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Head Teacher

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