

## A New Year and New Opportunities

As we start 2014/15 we are entering a new era. As Mr Pinchin and Mr Esau leave us after many very successful years, Mr Holt is looking to the future with our staff and students and looking to build on this superb platform.

2013/14 saw further improvements in results backed by a wonderful performance of We Will Rock You, a gritty display by our Ten Tors teams and an ever growing list of extracurricular opportunities and successes.

To help home, students and staff work together we have assembled some key information for next year. This leaflet includes some clarification, some new information and some guidance.

If you have any questions or ideas for further leaflets please contact the school. The details are on the back page.



## Starting Back 2014-15

## Equipped for Learning

To make sure that they are ready for lessons all students should carry:

- A bag big enough to carry an A4 Folder
- 2 black or blue pens and 2 Pencils
- The Student Planner
- Their student ID card
- A calculator
- A ruler
- PE Kit (when necessary)

## Student ID Cards

All students have ID cards that are printed at school. They are, or soon will be, used for the following:

- Proving a student's ID in examinations
- Borrowing from the Library
- Registering attendance in clubs and activities
- Monitoring lateness



## Clubs and Activities

St Luke's offers a wide range of clubs and activities at lunchtime and in the evening. The PE department advertises which activities are available for each year group on its notice board by the canteen.

We believe that students should have a wide range of activities and also run a choir, school productions and public speaking competitions amongst other opportunities.

Parents will be sent a leaflet containing details of all of the extracurricular clubs early in the new term.

## Uniform

### All students:

- Blazer: Black with college badge
- Footwear: Plain black college shoes - no dangerous heels or open toes
- College tie: Clip On - Blue with House colours and college logo

**Optional:** A plain black V-neck jumper can be worn under the blazer if cold.

### Girls:

- Knee Length Skirt or trousers Plain black formal
- Tights Black or natural
- Socks Dark or white

### Boys:

- Trousers Plain black formal
- Socks Dark



## The First Day Back

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014

As in previous years St Luke's students will have a staggered return on the first day back. This is to allow tutors to work with their New Year 7 students and issue planners and timetables whilst getting to know them, addressing any questions as they arise.

For 2014 the start times are:

<b>Year 7</b>	8.45
<b>Year 8</b>	9.45
<b>Year 9</b>	10.15
<b>Year 10</b>	11.05
<b>Year 11</b>	11.30

All year groups should go straight to the Hall on arrival for a brief assembly before going on to Tutor Groups.

# Tutor Group

Your child's tutor is the member of staff who will see them every day that they are at St. Luke's. Over the five years they will build a relationship with you and your child to help them enjoy success in every aspect of school life.

As the Key member of staff they will have access to a wide range of strategies and supporting staff to ensure that all needs are met.

**The tutor is the first point of contact for any questions, concerns or comments.** They will deal with these and pass them to specialist support or senior staff if necessary.



## House System

The four Houses are the four Pillars upon which the success of our students rests. Each House has 10 tutor groups. In turn these each support students from the 5 year groups. Inter-house competition is encouraged and included both in tutorial activities and whole school events like Sports day.

Any questions or concerns about your child's time at St Luke's should be directed to the relevant House team. (Either the Tutor or the Head of House)

To ensure continuity of support across year groups (and provide a point of contact when Heads of House and Tutors are teaching) Mrs Sercombe and Mrs Sharratt (the Key Stage Coordinators) are available on extension 255.

In further support of the Pastoral Team there are a variety of teams such as peer mentors, SEN and the Learning Centre who work with students who need specific support. They will contact parents if a need arises.

## Term Time Absence

With the assistance of parents we have been able to reduce term time absence significantly this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for working with the college to ensure students miss as little education as possible,

Permission for absence from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Please contact Mr Hamer or Mrs Worth at the College if you have any questions or need advice.



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