



EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming back our Emmanuel community next week. I hope you are all well rested, have enjoyed the summer break and are ready for the challenges and joys of the new academic year. Please read the below carefully as it has some valuable information as we prepare for 2024-5.

Staff Changes

We have recently been joined by Mr Greenshields as Vice Principal (Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development), Mrs Pringle as Psychology Curriculum Lead, Mrs Devlin as Receptionist and Administrator, Miss Wu as Catering Assistant, Miss Mills as Learning Support Assistant and Mr Hodgson has returned to Emmanuel as Head of Music. Mrs Pilman has a new role as Head of Drama and she joins several staff who are now working across both Emmanuel College and Grace College.

Other changes happening in September include Mrs Garcia taking up the role of Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Ms O'Connor as Head of Languages, Miss Bevan as Acting Head of History and Politics and Mrs Turner as Acting Head of Languages (whilst Ms O'Connor is on maternity leave). Mrs McAloon will also be taking maternity leave from October. There will be some changes to the Heads of Year structure, which from September will be:

Year Group	Head of Year	Assistant Head of Year
Year 7	Miss Walker	Mr Yellowley
Year 8	Mr Wiecek (Senior Head of Year)	
Year 9	Mrs Buckley	
Year 10	Miss Butterfield	Miss Lovegreen
Year 11	Mr Ingham (Senior Head of Year)	
Sixth Form	Mr Clarke (Head of Sixth Form)	Mr Wood and Mrs Garcia

We are also looking forward to welcoming back Miss Breward following her secondment to Grace College, and both Mrs King and Mrs Proudfoot following their maternity leave.

In September, we will be welcoming the following teaching staff: Miss McClelland and Miss Hawes (English), Mrs Rath and Mrs Brice-Davis (Mathematics), Mr Manley (Psychology), Mr Hawkins (Music), Miss Summers (History), Mrs Vaughan (Languages) and Miss Anthony-Mote (Geography). Mr Gates will also be joining us from Grace College as Assistant Vice Principal (Teaching and Learning) and Miss Tipper will join us from Bede Academy as Head of Mathematics. Miss Lovegreen will also be taking up the position of Key Stage 4 Pastoral Lead and Mrs Bourkani as Catering Assistant.

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Timetable

To maximise the progress that students can be supported to make, we have made a few changes to the classes which students are in from September. Timetables will be able to view on [MCAS](#) - MyChildatSchool from Monday 2 September. If you are having difficulty in locating the timetable you may find it useful to review the overview of tutor groups in advance of students return to College on Tuesday, so that they know their new tutor room. This [document](#) shows the new tutor groups, what they were formerly known as last year, together with the new tutor room eg 8 GrahamR was formerly 7 OakesG.

Uniform

Standards of uniform are exceptionally high. However, I do want to re-emphasise the importance of our high standard of dress, smartness, and fairness through consistency. Please read the [uniform policy](#) to ensure that your child returns to College in September wearing the correct uniform and in line with our expectations. Please also ensure that all equipment, bags, and clothing are clearly labelled so that in the event of any items going missing, we can swiftly return these to your child.

Occasionally students arrive to College following a crisis outside of school without the correct uniform. It would be beneficial for us to be able to provide uniform to those students, so that they are able to fit in with their peers without being asked any questions. Whilst all uniform donations are appreciated, we are always in need of ties and blazers. If you have any old uniform and you wish to donate it, please drop it off at College reception.

Travel and Parking

Travelling to and from College can be challenging and with over 1,600 people on site each day it is important that we have systems in place that keep everyone as safe. Many of our students travel by public bus, scholars bus ([timetable can be found here](#)) or on foot, which is positive because this reduces the number of vehicles on and around the site. We do ask that if you do use a car to transport your child to and/or from school you do so in a way that is considerate to our neighbours and safe to everyone. We recommend that parents use the large Watergate Forest Park car park located off Whickham Highway for drop off and pick up.

Please be aware that students are not allowed to cross Consett Road (the main road outside College) other than at the traffic lights and they must not cross the main entrance to College even if accompanied by an adult. They are also not permitted to enter the site via the small Watergate car park. Parents should not bring vehicles onto the College site until after 4:15pm each day.

College Prayers

College Prayers is an opportunity for us to start the new academic year in thanksgiving and prayer and takes the form of a short 30-minute service. We shall sing together, be led in prayer, and enjoy a short talk from a visiting speaker. All those in our College community are welcome to attend this event which will take place in College on Wednesday 11 September at 5:30pm.

Term Dates

The new academic year begins for students on Tuesday 3 September. We look forward to welcoming our new intake of Year 7 and 12 students to College as well as welcoming back all other year groups. A link to the College calendar which confirms all term dates for the year can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely

Mr N Ogborn

Head of School