



EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the start of a new term there will be many preparations to ensure Year 7 students are equipped and ready for September. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the details which I hope will reassure you and your son or daughter.

On their first day, Tuesday 3 September, Year 7 students should report to reception as they did for the transition days. Thereafter, students will congregate on the Granary yard.

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. More information can be found [here](#).

For Year 7 students in particular, we know that travelling to and from College can be an area of great concern. Emmanuel College is well served by the Nexus scholars bus services however, we are aware that, during the first few weeks of term, the scholars' buses are very busy. At the end of each day there will be several staff on duty to support students in ensuring they get on the correct bus. Once the co-curricular timetable is up and running the number of students using the scholars' buses will reduce significantly.

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.

Uniform and Footwear

Standards of uniform are exceptionally high. However, I do want to emphasise the importance of our high standard of dress, smartness, and fairness through consistency. Please read the [uniform policy](#) to ensure that your child attends College in September wearing the correct uniform and in line with our expectations. I would like to remind parents that trousers should be the same style and colour as the ones sold by EAS Schoolwear. Grey trousers purchased from other suppliers are unlikely to meet the uniform requirements.

School shoes can be expensive so can we please ask parents to refer to our style guide before purchasing footwear. The style guides can be found [here](#) for boys and [here](#) for girls. Trainer style footwear is not acceptable.

Please also ensure that all equipment, bags, and clothing are **clearly labelled** so, should any items go missing, we can swiftly return these to your child.

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Hair

Our expectation is that students wear hairstyles that are smart, businesslike and safe to engage in all aspects of the curriculum. Please refer to the Student Uniform Code [here](#).

Essential Equipment

Every day students should bring a pencil case, black or blue writing pens, green pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, eraser, pencil sharpener and maths set. Students should also bring a reading book. **They will not need their PE kit on the first day.**

College times

Students should be in their tutor room for the start of College at 8:25am. However, Year 7 students are collected from the Granary yard by their tutor between **8:15am and 8:20am** so should try to arrive no later than 8:15am. There is a clear link between attendance and academic attainment. Therefore, you should make every effort to book medical (or other) appointments outside of College hours, at weekends or in holiday times. If it is necessary to make an appointment during College hours it must be made for after 2:00pm. Exceptions being orthodontist and hospital appointments, and music exams.

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 students to College. A link to the College calendar which confirms all term dates for the year can be found [here](#).

I hope your son or daughter is excited to start at Emmanuel College. We are really excited to welcome the new cohort of Year 7 to College and cannot wait to get to know them better.

Yours sincerely

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