



SAINT MARGARET COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are keeping well.

A few days have already passed since your children started this scholastic year. I hope your children have now settled in well at school, especially the new Year 9 students, and that they are remaining focused on their studies.

It is good to remind ourselves of a few points that were mentioned during the meeting we had with you earlier in September.

1. School Hours

- **Arrival:** Students arriving on foot or via parental transport must be at school by **07:50 am**, as students need to be in their homeclass by **07:55 am** for online assembly or important announcements delivered at that time. Students who arrive late without a valid reason will be kept in during midday break on the day or the following day.
- **Dismissal:** School finishes at **02:16 pm**, when students begin heading down to transport. The first group to leave will be students going on foot or via parental transport. Afterwards, remaining students will head down route by route to the main yard where school transport will be waiting.
- **Parking:** Parents coming by car are asked **not to park on the road leading to the school**, but to use the parking areas below the bastion wall so as not to obstruct the road.

2. Uniform and Regulations

- **Uniform:** Consists of a Tracksuit. As it is still warm, students may wear the summer uniform t-shirt over tracksuit trousers. For those purchasing PE shorts, these are to be used only during PE lessons and may be worn under tracksuit trousers for the rest of the day.
- **Footwear:** White, black, or navy blue trainers may be worn with the tracksuit. Football boots or bright-coloured trainers are not permitted with the uniform.

- **Jewellery & Appearance:**

- Only a single pair of stud earrings is allowed. Bulky or dangling earrings are not accepted, and students will be asked to remove them immediately upon entering school to prevent unnecessary accidents, especially during breaks.
- Rings, bangles, or any form of costume jewellery are not permitted.
- Nails must remain natural—no nail extensions, gels, or nail art are allowed.
- Hair must be kept natural (not dyed in bright colours) and tied back to reduce the incidence of hair conditions that can spread between students.

- **Mobile Phones:** Mobile phones are **not permitted** at school and will be confiscated by the Administration if a student is caught with one. The school is adhering to the official circular sent by the Ministry for Education to all parents (Link: <https://bit.ly/3TgxFra>).

3. General Learning & Online Resources

- **Home Support:** Our teaching staff makes every effort to deliver quality education. At home, parents can assist by ensuring students dedicate themselves to set work and take study seriously. Please encourage them to read, particularly in Maltese and English.
- **Year 11 SEC Exams:** Final-year students (Year 11) should focus more than usual to ensure they are well-prepared when SEC examinations arrive at the end of April. Please note that students applying for these exams around October/November must already possess an **eID**. This can be obtained from Identity Malta offices in Blata l-Bajda (Details & Link: <https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/e-id-cards-unit/>). Do not leave this to the last minute.
- **Digital Platforms & Handouts:** Communication with students will also take place primarily via **MS Teams**, where materials and resources can be shared easily. Physical copies of notes/handouts provided by teachers carry a small fee; teachers will inform students of any amounts due. The school is making every effort to keep these costs as low as possible.

How to Contact Us

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if needed; our doors are always open.

Kind regards,

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