



Dear Thomas Becket families,

As we embark on a new academic year, I extend a warm welcome to all our students and families, both new and returning. We are very excited about the opportunities this year holds and are committed to ensuring that each student achieves their full potential through excellence and ambition for all. If you have not had a chance to read our successful A-level and GCSE Results press release, I have included the links below for you to take a look. We are immensely proud of the continual improvements of the school and our examination results show this.

[GCSE results day Northampton: Thomas Becket Catholic School 'immensely proud'](http://northamptonchron.co.uk)  
([northamptonchron.co.uk](http://northamptonchron.co.uk))

[20 percent of all A-Level grades achieved at Northampton school were A or A\\*](http://northamptonchron.co.uk)  
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In readiness for our return, I wish to highlight some key areas that are critical to a successful start whereby no time is wasted, and learning can be prioritised.

#### Return to school

**Wednesday 4th September** – Our new year 7s and year 12s return to school

**Thursday 5th September** – Year 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 return to school

Please be aware that there are road works on the Kettering Road near the school, therefore please leave in plenty of time to ensure that pupils arrive at 08:30am.

#### Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for academic success. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and missing school can create gaps that are hard to fill. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time. Should your child need to miss school due to illness or an unavoidable circumstance, please inform the school as early as possible. If your child should be absent for a while, we will support them in ensuring that missed learning is caught up and give them the best opportunities to achieve this when they are ready to return to school.

#### Behaviour and commitment to learning

A positive and respectful learning environment is essential for everyone's success. We expect all students to exhibit behaviour that reflects our school's core Catholic values. This means being kind and considerate to peers and to staff, following school rules, and actively participating in their learning are important. Encouraging your child to approach school with a positive attitude, curiosity, and a willingness to engage, will set them on the path to success. We believe that a collaborative effort between home and school will foster these important traits.





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### Uniform expectations

Our school uniform promotes a sense of community and equality amongst students. We are often praised for the presentation of our students and appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed in the correct uniform each day. We expect all pupils to be in the correct, full school uniform when we return this week. Pupils who are not in the correct uniform (without a valid reason) will be placed into learning recovery until this is rectified. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and your support for the high standards we wish to uphold as a school.

I look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely

Paul McCahill  
Headteacher

