



St Gregory the Great Bulletin

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Welcome to Year 7

Our new Year 7 students have made a great start to their Secondary education. A few nerves were evident on Tuesday morning, but everyone soon found their feet. Our Year 7 Parents & carers Information Evening is on Thursday 21st September.

Outstanding A level Results!



Our year 13 students secured St Gregory's best ever A Level results this summer, including 46% of students achieving A*-B grades. This was no mean feat because the previous year had seen our students make the best progress in academic qualifications in the county. We wish all the best to our students now heading for university, employment or taking a gap year. Dr McCarthy writes more about these results on our website:

<http://stgregory.oxon.sch.uk/outstanding-results-at-a-level/>

GCSE Success!

With the changes to exam grades, it is difficult to compare to previous years, but we secured a very positive set of GCSE results this year. Record numbers of students achieved top grades, including the new "double A*" grade 9. It wasn't just high-flyers who did well, we improved outcomes for all students, with the proportion gaining 5 A*-C grades or more increasing to just under 60%. As a result, we have over 100 students joining our sixth form in year 12. You can read more on our website at: <http://stgregory.oxon.sch.uk/st-gregorys-hits-a-national-high/>

Traffic Safety on Campus



Following the consultation with parents last term, we have taken several steps to improve traffic safety on campus:

- Safer pedestrian access to school
- Clearer signage, including on parking
- More secure bike storage for cyclists
- More staff on duty at the start and end of the day

Thank you for driving safely and considerately. All drivers should park only in marked bay, **never** on yellow lines.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 21st September
Thursday 9th November
Thursday 9th October
Thursday 23rd November
Thursday 28th September
Wednesday 11th October

Year 7 Information Evening
Year 8 Parent / Tutor Evening
Year 9 Parent / Tutor Evening
Year 10 Information Evening
Year 11 English Subject Parents Evening
Open Evening

Cycling to school?

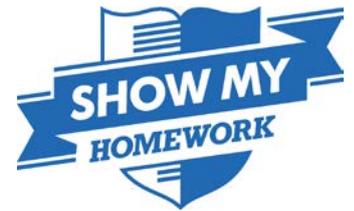


Over the holiday, our brilliant site team moved the cycle racks to the front of the Sports Hall and built a new shelter at the gate. All students can now enter school directly by this path in the morning, without going through reception. Because bikes are now kept behind locked gates during the day they should be much more secure. If you bring your bike to school, you must still secure it with a sturdy lock. We also recommend that bikes are marked with postcodes.

Oxford city schools suffered a spate of bike thefts last term. If you see anybody behaving suspiciously or loitering near school, please report this to reception straight away. Thank you.

Show My Homework

We use 'Show My Homework' to set homework in all year groups. Students will also write the subject and deadline in their planners when homework is set. New students have received their Show My Homework log in details. Please contact your child's tutor if these have not made it home. Many parents find it easiest to download the app from Apple (iOS) or Google (Android) to keep track of homework.



All students have been set an online quiz this week. If you don't have your log in details, don't worry: you can go to www.showmyhomework.co.uk, then browse to St Gregory's, then your tutor group. There is no escape! The deadline is Friday. Students have also been asked to cover their exercise books.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see students start the new school year in their smart new uniform, including the navy blue skirt and trousers. Hopefully the few issues we had with students not in full uniform have now been resolved, including clarification that students must wear black shoes; trainers are not acceptable.

We are aware there has been a delay in some orders from one of our suppliers, Brigade. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that your children returned to school looking so smart. I know that many families have expressed their gratitude for the work Mrs Forder-Ball did to help them with new uniform over the holiday.



If, in future, you are concerned about the cost of purchasing uniform, there are a number of ways in which we can help. Please contact members of the pastoral team by emailing SGTGpastoralteam@dbmac.org.uk

Detentions

Regrettably, a few students had to receive detention last week. Detentions are 30 minutes, from 3.10pm to 3.40pm. Late detentions are also 30 minutes and will now run on **Fridays**. Failure to attend a 30 minute detention will result in a one hour detention the next day. We will inform parents and carers if your child receives a longer, 1 hour detention.



Look out for the September newsletter

Our newsletter is published on the last Friday of each month. It's full of news about student achievements and events in school.