



CANTONIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

As we near the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this academic year and confirm arrangements for next year.

Arrangements for the new academic year 2024/25

The autumn term will start on Monday 02 September, although this, and Tuesday 03 September, will be INSET days for all staff. **Pupils will therefore return to school on Wednesday 04 September 2024** for staggered induction sessions. Pupils should attend at the following times:

Year 7	8.35am assemble on the school yard
Year 8	12.15pm assemble on the school yard
Year 9	12.15pm assemble on the school yard
Year 10	11.20am assemble on the school yard
Year 11	11.20am assemble on the school yard
Years 12/13	9.30am assemble on the school yard

INSET Days 2024-2025

There will be six INSET days for staff training throughout the academic year. These will be:

1. Monday 02 September 2024
2. Tuesday 03 September 2024
3. Friday 31 January 2025
4. Friday 21 February 2025
5. Monday 10 March 2025
6. Monday 21 July 2025

Full term dates and INSET days are available on our website: www.cantonian.org/term-dates/

Parents'/Carers' Events

Our annual Parents'/Carers' Days and Evenings will take place on the following dates and times:

Year 7	Wednesday 19 March 2025, all day
Year 8	Wednesday 19 March 2025, all day
Year 9	Thursday 06 February 2025, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Year 10	Thursday 24 October 2024, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Year 11	Thursday 05 December 2024, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Years 12/13	Thursday 13 March 2025, 3.30pm – 6.00pm

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Other Key Dates

We will also be hosting a variety of events over the course of the next academic year, which are listed below:

Year 7 & Year 12 School Photographs	Wednesday 18 September 2024
Year 7 Success Evening	Thursday 17 October 2024, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Success Evening	Thursday 24 October 2024, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Carol Service, Llandaff Cathedral	Wednesday 11 December 2024, 7.00pm
Internal exams begin for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	Thursday 09 January 2025
Year 9 & Year 11 Options Evening	Thursday 16 January 2025, 4.00pm -7.00pm
Years 9 - 13 Intervention Day	Wednesday 19 March 2025
Year 13 Prom	Friday 20 June 2025 (provisional date)
Internal exams begin for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	Wednesday 25 June 2025
Awards Evening	Thursday 26 June 2025, 7.00pm
Year 11 Prom	Thursday 03 July 2025

Class Charts

We use Class Charts as a form of instant communication with you; please ensure that you have your own log in details and that your child has their too. If your child is absent for any reason, please report this via Class Charts. If you have lost or do not have your details, please contact us at contact@cantonian.org

Policies

Our school policies are updated regularly and can be found on our website: www.cantonian.org/policies/

Uniform, Mobile Phones and Attendance Expectations

I would like to remind you of our expectations regarding your child's uniform. We expect all pupils to adhere to the school's uniform expectations which you can find at the end of this letter. Please be aware that these expectations have been updated to clarify the types of skirts and trousers that are suitable to be worn. Please bear this in mind when purchasing your child's new school uniform, because, if your child attends school in the incorrect uniform, they will be sent home to change.

Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phones when in school. If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it is at their own risk and must be switched off and in a bag throughout the day. Mobile phones carried on a person are not acceptable – they must be in the pupil's school bag. Pupils may not use mobile phones during the school day, for any reason.

Finally, we expect all pupils to attend school on time, every day. Every day that your child is absent from school will lower their chances of achieving 5 or more good GCSEs or equivalent at grades A*-C, including English and Maths, in Year 11. Persistent lateness will also have an impact on their learning. Therefore, if your child is persistently late for school and/or lessons, a sanction will be issued, in line with school policy.

Thank you again for ongoing support; I look forward to working with you during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely



MRS D GILL
Headteacher

CANTONIAN HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM



School Uniform:

White shirt

Grey clip-on tie with a red stripe for Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9), blue stripe for Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11) and purple stripe for Key Stage 5 (Years 12-13)

Black V-neck jumper with red stripe for Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

Black V-neck jumper for Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

Grey V-neck jumper with purple stripe for Key Stage 5 (Years 12-13)

Black tailored trousers (no leggings, jeggings, jeans, joggers or ankle grazers) or

Black tailored skirts (must be no more than TWO inches above the knee) (no skater style, stretchy or lycra tube skirts)

Optional black tailored shorts in summer term only (must be tailored, school shorts – no PE/sports shorts, cycling shorts or hot pants)

Black socks / black opaque tights

Plain black footwear

Outdoor coats only (no denim jackets, no hoodies or sweatshirts)

PE Uniform:

Black unisex training tops

Black jogging bottoms / black shorts

Black lightweight rugby shirt

Black leggings / black skorts

Optional black PE hoodie (must have the badge and only work for PE)

Islamic Dress: This must be made up in black and the school badge must be sewn to the top.

Hijab, if worn, should be plain black.

Face Masks: In the event of updated guidance being issued by the Welsh Government/Local Authority, face masks will be required to be worn when instructed (unless exempt on proven medical grounds).

YC Sports are the sole supplier of our school uniform. They have shops at:

156 Cowbridge Road East, Canton, Cardiff CF11 9ND (Tel: 029 2022 0246)

5 Penlline Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2AA (Tel: 029 2069 3653)

You can also ORDER ONLINE from WWW.YCSports.COM Search under the 'Schoolwear' tab – My School

Any pupil not in full school uniform will be sent home to change, after a telephone call has been made to inform the parent / carer.

Hair Styles: Extremes of style, cut or colour are unsuitable for school, and are not permitted.

Make-Up & Nails: We do not encourage pupils to wear make-up and nail varnish to school. However, if it is worn it must be subtle and discreet. Acrylic/false nails are not permitted.

Jewellery: The only jewellery allowed in school is:

- **One** small signet ring
- **One** small pair of **stud** earrings (one stud in each ear-lobe)
- **One** wrist watch

No necklaces, bracelets or anklets, facial, or other body piercings are permitted, including nose, tongue and belly. The reasons are:

- We cannot be responsible for personal property.
- **Large rings, earrings and body piercings can be a serious safety hazard.**

Continuing to wear unacceptable jewellery after a warning will mean that it will be confiscated.

These rules apply at all times to all pupils and we enforce them strictly.