



Archbishop Blanch  
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# Archbishop Blanch School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to write to you as the new Headteacher of Archbishop Blanch School. I am very proud to have been appointed to this position and I look forward to continuing to work with you all to support the academic and personal development of your child.

Although six weeks is a relatively short half term, there have been a number of highlights for us at school:

- I was so pleased to share the letter from Mr Marika, Her Majesty's Inspector, regarding the progress that Archbishop Blanch School has made since the previous inspection. It was lovely to read the many positive comments about our students and the progress they make in our school.
- We were proud for our Choir to be chosen to perform at the National Church of England Education Conference in Westminster, which indeed was an honour. The girls received many accolades from those who attended and even got a mention from Damien Hinds in his speech!
- Congratulations to our Year 10 students who took part in the 'Now Festival' last week who won 'Best Choreographed' Performance. Well done!

Over the half term groups of students will be enjoying experiences in Paris and Munich; we wish them well and a safe journey. Many Year 11 and 13 students will be in school preparing for their mock examinations. I would like to wish both Year Groups good luck in their final mock examinations that take place when we return from half term. Thank you to the many staff who are giving up their own free time to staff these events.

Last week, as a school, we participated in Internet Safety Week. The students had presentations about the importance of online safety and I sent some information to you, as parents, on how you can help to protect your daughter/son in our increasingly technological world. On this note, I would like to remind you of our very important school rule regarding mobile phones. All phones must be switched off on arrival at school and placed in lockers for the full day. Students who do not follow this rule run the risk of having their phone taken from them as per our policy and parents are required to collect them at the end of the day. I am sure you appreciate that concentration in school is critical to making good progress and mobile phones during the day can seriously hinder learning in lessons.

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We are aware that for some children we have only one contact number on our system. However, it is now a safeguarding requirement that schools must have more than one contact person for each pupil. This can be grandparents, aunts/uncles or friends that we can contact in the case of an emergency. We will be gathering the additional information required so parents are asked to have this additional information ready. If you have changed your contact details recently, please ensure you update the school.

High standards of behaviour, attendance and punctuality are important aspects of the success of students at Archbishop Blanch School, combined with our uniform policy. It is important to note that school starts at 8.30 am sharp. There are procedures for students who arrive late and detentions may be given without genuine reason for lateness (eg medical appointments). If a student arrives after 9.15 am they will receive an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

Closer to the Easter Holidays, I will send out reminders of the uniform policy at Archbishop Blanch School, which will include information on shoes, coats and PE kit. This will give you enough time to plan for the next academic year as we have noted an increase in the number of coats this year that do not meet our requirements.

We return to school at 8.30 am on Monday, 25 February 2019. May I thank you all for your continued support of Archbishop Blanch School and wish you all an enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Madeloso', followed by a period.

**Mrs C Madeloso**  
**Headteacher**