



## PRESS RELEASE

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### St Bernard's First and Middle Schools Opening on 1st September

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is pleased to confirm that the start of the 2015/2016 academic year will see the opening of the brand new St Bernard's First and Middle Schools on the 1st September.

As with all other schools, 1st September will be an in-service day for teachers. In addition, a second in-service for teachers will be held on 2nd September. This will allow teachers to become fully familiar with the new schools including on all health and safety and evacuation procedures.

Children will commence the new term on a staggered basis to ensure that all can be comfortably shown around their new schools and fully inducted into all the operational aspects of their new premises, shown their new classrooms, workrooms and specialist areas and, of course, the overall layout of the new school complex.

This schedule has been devised in close consultation with the Headteachers of the respective schools and is designed to ensure a safe and trouble-free start to the new school term for staff and pupils at St Bernard's First and Middle Schools.

#### Start dates for St Bernard's Middle School Pupils

- Thursday 3rd September: Years 4 and 5 **only (ie no Year 6 or 7 pupils attend)**
- Friday 4th September: Years 6 and 7 **only (ie no Year 4 or 5 pupils attend)**
- Tuesday 8th September: **All pupils attend**

#### Start dates for children at St Bernard's First School

- Thursday 3rd September: Years 2 and 3 **only (ie no Reception or Year 1 pupils attend)**
- Friday 4th September: Year 1 **only (ie no Reception, Year 2 or 3 pupils attend)**
- Tuesday 8th September: Year R (**Reception and all other pupils attend**)