



31 August 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a lovely summer break.

We are looking forward to students, in Year 7 and Year 12, returning on Monday 5 September. Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 all start on Tuesday 6 September. As communicated to you previously, there will be **no staggered entry** and **ALL** students will start their Academy day at 8:30am. They will enter via the following gates:

Main Entrance - Year 7 & Year 11

Vehicle Entrance - Year 10 & Sixth Form

Learning Lane Entrance - Year 8 & Year 9

This communication is specifically related to uniform and equipment expectations. There are still at least three days before your son/daughter has to start school, therefore, I am not expecting any issues around uniform or equipment. However, if you do send your child into school in the incorrect school uniform, **they will be sent home to change immediately**. If you are in ANY doubt as to what is acceptable then please contact your child's Head of House before the start of term.

For clarification, our uniform policy and student planner set out clearly that only 'natural' make up, with only one pair of stud earrings and a watch is permitted. Visible facial piercings and stretcher earrings are not allowed, and students will be asked to remove them, **this includes clear retainers**. Please note that students should not be wearing short skirts (they should not be rolled up and should be just above the knee in length) or skinny / tight trousers. Students are also expected to wear black socks. The Policy goes on to say that coloured nail varnish and artificial nails will not be tolerated. Please see our Uniform and Equipment Policy on the website for a full list of what is acceptable. Parents/Carers and students will always be given an opportunity to rectify any uniform infringements, however, if this is not possible or refused, they will be placed in isolation until they comply

Furthermore, you will also be aware that our First Impression Card (FIC) will reinforce our normal routines and will ensure all our students are rewarded for doing the right thing and the minority of students will be supported to form good FIC habits.

We expect parents/carers to support us on all issues regarding uniform and behaviour. However, please take this communication as formal notice of sending students home should their uniform not comply with our policy.

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With regards to equipment, students in all year groups must have as a minimum the following equipment:

- Black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- 15cm ruler
- Pencil case

Year 9 upwards should also have a scientific calculator. However, it is recommended that students in Years 7 and 8 also have a calculator of some sort. Use of calculators on mobile phones is not permitted. For an extensive list of what is and is not acceptable, please see our website.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy next week.

Kind regards

Mr M Avoth,

Principal