



3 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a lovely summer break.

As I mentioned in our Summer Newsletter, to support the Transition process, term begins for Year 7 students on Friday 5 September. Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 will be required in on Monday 8 September and ALL YEAR groups (Years 7 to Years 13) will be expected to start back together on Tuesday 9 September. 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 starts 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 Year before the start of term.

For clarification, our Uniform Policy is available on our website and, along with the Student Planner, sets out clearly that only 'natural' make up and natural hair colour is permitted at the Academy with no fake eye lashes. Coloured nail varnish and artificial nails are NOT permitted, with only one pair of stud earrings and a watch permitted. Visible facial piercings and stretcher earrings are not allowed and students will be asked to remove them. For clarification, retainers are not allowed regardless of colour, **this includes clear retainers**. We have had new carpets fitted around the Academy and I would like to remind you all that chewing gum is not allowed on site. **Students who are caught with chewing gum will be placed in Principal's detention which runs on a Friday from 3.00pm to 5.15pm.**

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) nor skinny / tight trousers. Students are also expected to wear black socks. The Policy goes on to say that trainers, hoodies and other outside garments are not to be worn in the Academy. 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 Reflection 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. I am delighted to say that we are amending our ASPIRE Reward Card which will allow a greater opportunity to reward students on a daily basis.

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.

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

- Black pen x2
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- 15cm ruler
- Pencil case
- A bag/rucksack that is large enough to hold all school equipment.

Year 7 and Year 8

Students must bring their Knowledge Organisers **everyday**.

On **Thursdays**, students must bring a Reading Book – for the DEAR programme (Drop Everything And Read) from 3.00pm - 3.30pm.

Years 9, Year 10 and Year 11

Students must bring a scientific calculator **everyday**.

In addition, we **recommend** you bring:

Coloured pencils/felt tip pens

Calculator for Years 7 and 8

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**

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