



Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot wait to welcome your child back to school!

We hope you and your family have had a well rested summer. I wanted to write to you today with a reminder of our school day times and return times. This was sent in a previous letter from Heads of Year before we broke up for summer, but that will certainly now feel like a long time ago.

### First day back

Week Commencing 5th September 2022			
	Day	Time	Date
<b>Year 7</b>	Monday	8:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 11</b>	Monday	8:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 8</b>	Tuesday	9:30am	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 9</b>	Tuesday	9:00am	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 10</b>	Tuesday	8:30am	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 12</b>	Tuesday	8:45am	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Year 13</b>	Wednesday	8:45am	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

### School day times

8:40am – all students to arrive to school for lessons to begin at 8:45am.

3:00pm – the school day ends for all students, unless they have extra-curricular clubs or intervention.

### Uniform and equipment reminder

A reminder of the uniform policy is contained below.

Can I ask that you pay particular attention to the information related to piercings, jewellery and trainers. The health and safety of your child is our priority in Physical Education (PE). To ensure that all children can safely participate in physical activity and sport, nose piercings of any type are prohibited.

As their parent/ guardian or carer if you decide to allow your child to have a nose piercing the healing time is 6 weeks. Therefore, your child will not be able to participate in their Core PE lesson for the duration of this time whilst the stud is unable to be removed. Consequently, your child will be placed in isolation for the duration of their PE lesson and will also receive a 1-hour head of school detention each week for 6 weeks. Following the healing period, if your

child refuses to remove the piercing for their PE lesson, they will be placed in isolation for the duration of their PE lesson and in addition, will also receive a 2-hour after school detention that week. These sanctions will continue until the nose piercing is removed.

Students should only wear one single pair of studs in their ears. Students should not wear trainers to school. I know that it can be tricky to buy school shoes sometimes as shops do sell shoes which claim to be school shoes, but are actually trainers. For ease to ensure the policy is followed, we do not allow any sport brand trainers (even if the shop does classify them as school shoes).

As has been the case previously, we expect all students to bring a pen, pencil and ruler to school and will continue running our equipment shop each morning for those who forget. We would now like to make sure that all students bring a pencil case to school each day, as well as a bag which is large enough to fit an A4 folder inside. We look forward to seeing your child on their return.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Howard

Headteacher

## Uniform Policy

### Academy Uniform

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- **School Blazer** Academy blazer only.
- **School Tie** Academy tie only – to be worn at all times.
- **Trousers** Black school trousers.
- **Skirt** Black school skirt (standard, knee-length skirt – no tube or short lycra skirts).
- **Shirt** White formal collared shirt (with top button fastened).
- **Jumper** Plain black v-neck (optional) – long sleeves / sleeveless.
- **Shoes** Plain black school shoes with a maximum heel of 5cm and sole thickness of 2cm.
- **Socks/Tights** Either black socks for boys/girls or tights in neutral or plain black for girls.
- **Coat** Sensible, dark coat with no external stripes, text or logos.
- **Jewellery** Plain silver or gold studs may be worn as a single matching pair only, with one stud in each ear lobe. One plain gold or silver ring may be worn. Chains and any other visible body piercing are not allowed.
- For nose piercings students should wear a **clear plastic stud**.
- All Jewellery must be **removed for PE** for health and safety reasons.
- **Hairstyles** No extremes of hairstyle are permitted except on religious or cultural grounds (this refers to both style and colour). We would ask that students do not come to school with hair dyed to colours which are not natural.
- **Make-up** Any make-up worn must be natural and discreet. Bright colours or too much make-up will be asked to be removed, as it is not appropriate for school.
- **Nails** For health and safety reasons finger nails should be kept short at all times and the wearing of acrylic nails or extensions is not permitted.

#### **Clothing that is NOT permitted**

- Boots, boot-style shoes, suede shoes, stiletto heels, sling back shoes and trainers
- Hooded tops and sweatshirts
- Sports caps, bandanas or any other patterned or designer hat
- Patterned tights

If a student arrives at school with incorrect uniform they need to report it to the uniform station at the front of school.

