



PWS/DBN

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families have had a good summer.

A huge congratulations to our students who received their GCSE and vocational results recently. Once again, we achieved excellent results well above the national and local averages. We are very proud of all our students and so pleased that their commitment, resilience and hard work through a very difficult two years paid off.

Currently at school, we are busy preparing for the return of our students in next week and we are looking forward to welcoming the students back.

Here is a reminder of the arrangements for the start of term:-

Start of Autumn Term 2022

The term starts for all students on **Monday 5th September**. As in previous years there will be a staggered start with Year 7 starting at 8.45am. Our Years 8 to 11 students will start school at 10am. Normal lessons for all students will begin at 12.20pm after an extended tutor period and assembly.

May I also remind parents and carers that we return to one lunchtime in September. For the first few weeks Year 7 will have lunch earlier than the rest of the school. As a school we have invested a great deal of funds in revamping both the Refectory and Sandwich Room to facilitate extra seating as well as an improved queuing system across both rooms. In addition, we have improved the Dome area and in particular the seating in there to provide a substantive covered area for students to sit and eat in.

I am sure all of you have now sorted your child's uniform ready for the start of term. Nonetheless I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of our expectations around uniform and other equipment that students may bring to school.

We always want our students to make a **positive start** on their return to school. The uniform rules were relaxed in the final days of last term due to the high temperatures; however, full-school uniform (including blazers) will now be expected again from the first day of the school year.

Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. It also gives students a sense of community and belonging. It is, therefore, important that students adhere to, and respect, our rules on school uniform. I sent the updated policy out to parents and carers at the end of the last academic year, but as a reminder the main points are below.

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Female Uniform

- Blazer - Black with pre-embroidered School badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from School.
- Shirt and Tie - Plain white shirt. (Long or short sleeved shirt may be worn). School tie.
- Skirt – Black plain pleated skirt and flared. All skirts should be a traditional school skirt purchased to allow for growth. Length 20 inches minimum. Rolling up of skirts is not permitted.
- Black Opaque Tights to be worn with skirts. Wearing of long socks over the knee is not permitted. Black socks with trousers.
- Trousers - Black. Plain and tailored with a waist band. Plain black belt if required.
- Shoes - Black, sturdy and low heeled. Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.
- Socks – Plain black socks only. No other colours.
- Jumper - Plain black 'V' necked jumper or plain black sleeveless 'V' necked jumper.
- Hoodies are not permitted in school and will be confiscated if seen. No hooded sweatshirt or any other form of sports top to be used as an outdoor coat.
- Outdoor Coat – Plain, dark coat to be worn, when necessary, in cold weather over school blazer. This garment should be regarded as the overcoat. Coats should be removed on entry to the building.
- School Bag – The bag must be a rucksack and be able to fit A4 books and files inside. Handbags are not permitted.

PE

- All years: Black sporting leggings or skirt with logo or black track suit bottoms and red PE polo shirt with logo. Plain black or grey sweatshirt/track top. The only Hoodie permitted is the grey hoody with school logo.
- All students are expected to wear trainers which are NOT worn for school and to bring a change of socks.

Male Uniform

- Blazer - Black with pre-embroidered School badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from School.
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- Tie – School tie.
- Trousers - Black. Plain and tailored with a waist band. Plain black belt if required.

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Additional Notes for Students

1. Make-up, including fake tans, false nails, and nail varnish must not be worn. **The School reserves the right to request removal.**
2. No jewellery allowed (a wristwatch permissible but not in PE). **The School reserves the right to request removal and to confiscate if necessary.** No responsibility is accepted for the loss of any confiscated items.
3. No trainers to be worn in, around or to/from School: They are not acceptable for school wear and must not be worn, except in PE.
4. Hairstyles - Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable. Hair fashion accessories are not to be worn. Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons.
5. Body Piercing: **Nose studs and other forms of body piercing are not acceptable.**

Mobile Communication Devices

As we are at the start of a new academic year please can I make parents and carers aware of the expectations surrounding mobile communication devices. Students are permitted to bring a device to school at their own risk but:

- The mobile device will not be used, seen or heard in the school at any time. Mobile devices should be **switched off** and **kept out of sight** in students' bags (or lockers) throughout the school day.

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- Students' mobile devices must not be used to make calls, send messages, surf the internet, access social media, take photos/recordings or to access any other application on school site, during school hours and during other educational activities.
- Students will only be allowed to use their mobile device in exceptional circumstances with the prior permission of the Headteacher.
- If families need to contact their children during the school day, they should do so through the school reception. Families should not communicate directly with children during the school day.
- Students should not call, text or email their families directly on their mobiles during the school day. If students need to contact their families during the school day, they should do so through their Head of Year.
- In the event of an emergency, a member of staff may grant exceptional permission for a student to use their mobile device to contact emergency services.
- Students are **not allowed to wear headphones/earphones** on school site (this includes the grounds in the immediate vicinity of school).
- Use of mobile devices or headphones/earphones in contravention of the above will result in confiscation by staff.
- Students must ensure the connection between their smart watches and mobile device is switched off during the school day. A student seen using their wearable device to send texts, make calls etc. during the school day will have the device confiscated.

I will be writing to parents and carers again next week with further information about our school priorities for the year ahead and other key aspects of school.

Kind regards

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