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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Expectation Reminders

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very busy half term to outline some reminders about key school expectations.

Mobile phones and smart watches.

The school understands that students may require mobile phones to contact parents on their way to and from school. However, when in school:

- Mobile phones and smart watches should be switched off and stored out of sight.
- They should not be used at any time whilst on the school site during the school day – including outside during breaks and lunchtimes.
- If seen, staff will confiscate the device, log it and store it securely in the Hub. Students may collect it at the end of the school day.
- For devices confiscated 3 times or more – parents will be contacted and asked to collect.
- Students continuing to contravene the expectations following 3 confiscations, will be required to hand in their device to their Head of Year on entry to school each day and collected at 3.30 for 5 school days in the first instance.
- Smart watches should not be worn in school.

Uniform

We have high expectations in respect of our school uniform. Please consult our uniform policy carefully. We will always support families who may need help in purchasing items of uniform. The Pastoral Team through the Hub are here to support with this.

Ties – are required at all times and should be in good condition.

Blazers – are required at all times including over jumpers.

Jumpers – should be plain black and V-necked. Jumpers with the school logo are available to purchase. Jumpers are not a substitute for blazers.

Footwear – black leather **unbranded** footwear

Socks – should be plain black.

Skirts – should be worn just above the knee and not tight fitting. Parents' support in ensuring that skirts are worn at the correct length is appreciated.

Jewellery – one ring, bracelet and pair of stud earrings or small hoops only please.

Shirts – should be tucked in with the top button fastened.

Boots – are not permitted with skirts.

Trousers – should not be tight-fitting, denim or chino or with visible stitching.

Punctuality

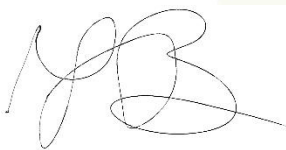
Being on time at school and lessons is very important. We have seen an improvement in punctuality this half term. We have put in place a punctuality detention at lunchtimes which focuses on being on time for lessons. Students receive these detentions if they are over 6 minutes late to a lesson or are late to 2 or more lessons in a school day. Students are reminded by their Head of Year every morning if they need to attend. You can check your child's punctuality record on My Child at School.

Communication with School

We want the best for our students, your children and want to work with you to support them the best we can. If you have any queries about what I have outlined above, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

I hope you have a nice half term break.

Warmest Regards



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