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Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back, it has been great to see our students enjoying their learning and time together again. A special welcome to our new Year 7, who are settling in very well.

We want all our young people to enjoy their education, find their passions and pursue them – and we know you do too. I want our school, to work together with you, our valued families, to support all our young people. Thank you in advance for your support and remember we are here to support you.

### **Attendance – support available**

I need to remind everyone that attendance is important. It is important for our children's life chances that they come to school, feel involved and part of our school. We want students to achieve at least 95 per cent attendance, but we understand that sometimes getting into school can be difficult for lots of unique reasons. We are here to help, so please get in touch if you need support. We are appointing a new Family Liaison Officer to help provide tailored support where needed. We of course understand that sometimes medical circumstances mean absences are unavoidable.

We can all help our young people by working on three things – Routines, Resilience and Respect. Please discuss the following with your child to help reinforce these expectations.

### **Routines – our expectations**

- Students must be punctual, every minute of lessons counts
- They must listen carefully, and take an active part in the learning
- They must try their best and engage in all lessons

### **Resilience**

Learning is hard, but with practice we can all achieve. Keep trying and if you do not get it the first time, keep going, again and again. Don't say 'I don't get it' say 'I don't get it **yet**'. With effort everyone can succeed.

### **Respect**

This is about having a kind and positive attitude to everyone. Students are expected to be respectful to their peers, their teachers, all our staff who work to help them, their parents and carers, and their community.

### **Equipment, uniform and help available**

You may remember that our Heads of Year included reminders about uniform expectations in their letters at the end of last year. A full list of [uniform expectations](#) is available on our website and we appreciate your support in making sure your child is dressed appropriately for school each day. It is also important that pupils come to

school every day with the correct equipment to fully participate in their lessons. This should include (as a minimum) a pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and a calculator for Maths/Science.

The school hub sells equipment at cost price and has a small selection of second hand uniform available, but please approach your child's tutor if you need any help in accessing suitable equipment or uniform for them. Tutors will be regularly checking that students are prepared and appropriately dressed for school and will be in contact with you if there are persistent issues with this.

### **Punctuality**

The school day starts at 8:45am and students arriving after this point are marked as late, unless there is a valid reason. Please contact the school office or send your child in with a note if you know they will be late for an unavoidable reason. Late marks for AM registration count towards punctuality detentions, which students receive if they are late to two or more lessons in a day. This is why it is important you let us know if there is valid reason.

As ever, thank you for working with us.

Yours sincerely

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