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Dear Current Year 12 Students,

I hope you are enjoying a restful and rewarding summer break. As we look ahead to the start of the new academic year, I'd like to start by thanking you for your hard work and excellent support of the school. You have developed fantastically into young role-models in the school and we are excited to support you through this important stage of your education and personal development.

To help you prepare for a successful start, please take note of the following key updates and reminders:

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### **Dress Code**

We have previously acknowledged the wish for students to move away from a formal dress code, but we do feel that there needs to be clearer guidance around a dress code that allows students to dress in a way that reflects the professional and respectful ethos of our school. While we allow a **smart-casual** approach, the following items are **not permitted**:

- **Joggers, hoodies or tracksuits are not appropriate for an academic environment and should not be worn.**
- **Jeans should be smart and appropriate for an office/working environment.**
- **Sportswear/gymwear (i.e. items typically worn for sporting activities),** should only be worn if required for curriculum activities (i.e. dance or Sport).
- **Clothing should not be revealing**– strapless, backless, or string-strapped tops are not allowed. Clothing should not have rips or cut-offs.
- **Footwear should be appropriate** – no Crocs, flip-flop or sliders
- **Caps or hats should not be worn indoors**

All clothing should be modest and appropriate for an 11–18 school environment. Lanyards must be worn at all times while on site.



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## Mobile Phones

Unlike the rest of the school, Sixth Form students are not required to use Yondr pouches. However, mobile phones must only be used in **designated Sixth Form areas** such as the **common room** or **private study room**. Phones should not be used in corridors or shared spaces with younger students, in line with our safeguarding expectations. Repeated breaches of this rule will be addressed in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

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## Extra-Curricular, Leadership & Duties

This year, we are expanding opportunities for Sixth Form students to take on leadership roles, participate in enrichment activities, and contribute to the wider school community. More information will be shared during induction, but we encourage you to get involved and make the most of these experiences. Students will be expected to sign up to a minimum of two hours-per week where they take part in some form of enrichment with further details of these shared in the new term. They will consist of (but not limited to) activities such as: Reading Mentors (reading with younger students), lower school classroom assistance, sports teams coaching, etc.

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We are proud of the example you have set for the rest of the school, and we trust you will continue to uphold the high standards expected of you. If you have any questions or concerns ahead of the new term, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Ben Brennan**  
Head of Sixth Form