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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back and Reminders

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We are delighted to welcome all our students back into school as well as our new Year 7 and new Year 12 students.

The start of term has been overwhelmingly positive! The conduct and behaviour of our students have been nothing short of exemplary. I wanted to share this with you as they have been a real credit, not only to the school, but to themselves.

Uniform expectations

One aspect that has not gone unnoticed is the impeccable appearance of our students. Thanks to your support, they have arrived at school looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. We recognise that this is a real challenge and at a cost to families when things are already tight. So, thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

For a very small number of students, it has come to our attention over the past two days, there are a few minor issues with uniform expectations that we would like to resolve quickly, to ensure there is full consistency across each year group.

We have observed the following inconsistencies which we would like to remind parents and students that these items are not permitted:

false nails
false eyelashes
necklaces, bracelets, nose piercings, multiple earrings
skinny tight trousers
trainer style canvas shoes
hoodie style jackets

We will continue to promote very high expectations of uniform across the school. We believe that high standards of uniform are a part of promoting high standards of self-care and community.

Students who are not correctly dressed from Monday, will be sent home to correct their uniform, or internally isolated until the issue can be resolved. Therefore, we appreciate all the support that parents and carers give in ensuring that your child leaves for school looking smart each morning.



Details of the school uniform that some students struggle with can be found [here](#). While we appreciate the importance of self-expression, we kindly request that these items be left at home, as they are not in accordance with our school's uniform guidelines. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Financial support

The school can support with uniform for families who are experiencing financial hardship, please contact your child's Head of Year or Student Support Officer.

Attendance to school

We were delighted to see so many of our students returning to school this week. This term we are asking for your support to help us improve whole school attendance and punctuality as we believe this is in the best interest for your child.

This is a fresh start for all students as your child's attendance percentage has been reset. Regular attendance during the first term of the school year is crucial for building a solid educational foundation, building positive relationships with new friends and staff, and ensuring that students make the most of their learning in lessons. It is central to your child's academic success and personal development throughout the entire school year.

To encourage good attendance, we will also be introducing a rewards system that recognises those students who consistently attend school on time and without unnecessary absences. We have high standards for our students and we are proud of their achievements. We must always strive to ensure they are meeting our high expectations and we appreciate your support in helping us to achieve this.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sandham
Principal