

Dear Parent/Carer

3 March 2021

With the return to the academy on Monday March 8 I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about our existing academy rules on standards, uniform, make-up, jewellery and mobile phones, to enable us to work together and make the best start possible. We want all our conversations to centre on learning, not the things that could get in the way of this.

**Uniform:**

All uniform items are expected to be worn - academy tie, blazer, shirt and shoes. Uniform must be worn correctly on the way to and from the academy. Any student that arrives at the academy wearing items of incorrect uniform, (such as trainers or a hoody), will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Shoes must be in line with academy expectations, as laid out in the diagram on the website. No jewelled badges on the front, pumps or training shoes are allowed. If students attend the academy in these they will be given a pair of shoes to borrow for the day that will have been sanitised.

Any problems with accessing relevant uniform items due to lock down, please can you contact the academy. We will offer support wherever possible during this difficult period to provide or source anything we can.

**Make up and Jewellery:**

Make-up and nail varnish is not to be worn. Where a student is clearly wearing make-up, nail varnish or is wearing false nails, they will be asked to remove them. Repeat offenders will be sanctioned in line with academy policy.

Jewellery is limited to one pair of small plain studs at the base of the ear lobe. A wristwatch is also permitted. Students are **not** permitted to wear multiple earrings, rings, bracelets or nose studs/facial piercings.

**Mobile phones:**

We are an academy that allows students to keep mobile phones on their person, however, they must be switched off and out of sight at all times. If seen or heard they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the academy day.

**Equipment:**

In line with academy policy, all students are expected to bring a bag to the academy with a reading book, pencil case and full equipment.

We will restock white boards and pens where necessary. Equipment will be available to purchase on the gate, as per normal.

**Attendance:**

From March 8 full attendance is expected unless your child has received a shielding letter. Academy start and finish times remain the same as before Christmas, as do the entry and exit points. If you have any concerns regarding Covid safety procedures, please do not hesitate to ask.

Any students arriving late will enter through the late gate and receive detentions in line with the academy late policy set out before Christmas.

Attendance competitions will be launched on Monday to encourage full attendance for the rest of this term. We hope you will continue to support us and your child in making every day count.

**Pastoral care:**

We have available again this term a local counselling service as well as mentoring sessions and a full year team for your child to access. We understand this third period of lock down has been testing for all and want to support you in moving forwards. If you feel your child needs additional support please let us know.

The information above will be shared again with students in ready-to-learn sessions and assemblies next week.

Any queries or questions please do contact your year team or myself at the academy.

Mr Willerton will be writing to you all later in the week with the finer details of the full return.

Yours faithfully

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