

3rd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we prepare for the start of the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key information with you to help support a smooth return to school after the summer holiday.

SCHOOL VALUES

Following the consultation from Term 6, I am pleased to share our new school values as voted by parents, carers and students;

'Be kind, be confident, be ambitious'

Our values have been displayed throughout the building and will be used to underpin all aspects of school life. They will form a central part of our behaviour curriculum and be used throughout the day. This term we are specifically focusing upon how students can be rewarded for demonstrating our values in the classroom and corridors.

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

There is a staggered start to the term to support the transition of Year 7 to secondary school. Year 7 and 11 return on Wednesday 4th September with all students returning on Thursday 5th September. The gates open at 8.15am, students can access breakfast in the main hall from this time.

WEDNESDAY 4 th	YEAR 7 AND	GATES OPEN	TUTOR TIME	TIMETABLED
SEPTEMBER	YEAR 11 ONLY	8.15AM	PERIOD ONE	LESSONS P2-P5
THURSDAY 5 th	ALL	GATES OPEN	TUTOR TIME	TIMETABLED
SEPTEMBER	STUDENTS	8.15AM	PERIOD ONE	LESSONS P2-P5
FRIDAY 6 th	ALL	GATES OPEN	NORMAL TIMETABLED	
SEPTEMBER	STUDENTS	8.15AM	LESSONS P1-P5	

STUDENT TIMETABLES

Timetables can be accessed through Arbor. All students will be issued with a hard copy of their timetable on the first day during tutor time. Students will not be expected to have their PE kit on the first day.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Ensuring your child/children are in school every day (and/or supporting an attendance above 95%) is without doubt the most significant and valuable thing a parent can do. Please support the school, and fundamentally, support your child/children, by advocating the need to be in school every day. In terms of punctuality, the side gates to the tennis courts are locked at 8.25am every day. Students need to arrive before this time to avoid a consequence.

HAIR

Whole or partial colouring of an unnatural shade is not permitted.



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UNIFORM

All students must arrive to school in full uniform - details of which can be found on our website. Students are not permitted to wear white socks or black socks with logos. Formal black 'polishable' shoes must be worn. Trainers including Airforce Ones, boots, branded shoes or cloth shoes are not permitted. If students arrive in any non-school uniform, they will be taken to the uniform cupboard and asked to change. Failure to do so will result in spending the whole day in RESET.

JEWELLERY

One pair of studded earrings and a watch ONLY. All facial piercing must be removed before arriving at school (a clear retainer can be worn). All other jewellery will be confiscated at the gate or during morning roll call. Students are not allowed to wear rings, bracelets, additional/hooped earrings etc.

EYELASHES AND NAILS

False eyelashes and/or false nails or gel nails are not permitted. Nail varnish if worn, must be clear. As above, these will need to be removed before students are allowed into the main school.

EQUIPMENT

All students must arrive to school with a black pen, a red pen, a pencil, a ruler and their timetable. This will be checked daily during tutor time.

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT

If you have any concerns related to your child/children, the first point of contact should be their tutor or head of year. Contact details can be found on the academy website. Due to teaching commitments, it may not be possible to return calls immediately, however we endeavour to respond to all communications as quickly as possible.

THE CLASS OF 2025 IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE CALENDAR

Our Year 11 **First Push Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 22nd October**. This is a very important event as the Year 11 team will be sharing valuable information to assist students with revision for their Year 11 mocks in November. We will send further information nearer the time but for now please add this hugely significant date to your diary.

I am really excited to welcome students back onsite for the new academic year and would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Newnham-Reeve

Principal