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## Dear Parents/Carers

As the Summer holidays end I thought I would write to you to remind you of our expectations at the Academy ready for a smooth return next week. High standards of conduct, uniform and engagement in all elements of learning, are expected by all students and are the key to them succeeding in their secondary school journey.

#### Uniform

Please ensure your child returns to school with the correct uniform. All students at the Academy are expected to wear, with pride, full school uniform daily. All students are expected to wear:

- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeve) and school tie
- School black V-neck jumper with blue inlay (optional)
- School black blazer
- Black trousers no cord, denim or leggings
- Grey, black or white socks
- Plain black entirely leather shoes are to be worn. No boots, dolly shoes, sports trainers or canvas shoes are allowed

Please note – the summer polo shirt is for the Summer term only. Students wearing this in Autumn or Spring will be considered to be in incorrect uniform and sanctioned appropriately.

Students should also only be wearing the following optional jewellery:

- A watch
- A single chain with religious symbol hidden from view
- Single studs in the ear lobe. No other piercings are allowed
- Students in year 11 are permitted to wear discreet makeup
- Students' nails should be natural in length and colour

Our uniform expectations are clearly set out on our website and in the behaviour policy for your reference. Where students do not meet these expectations, a member of staff will be in contact with you to discuss the specific requirements and ensure any issues are swiftly rectified. Students who persistently choose not to wear the correct uniform will receive appropriate sanctions.

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## **Equipment**

To ensure your child can fully engage in their learning it is essential that they come to school fully equipped. All students are expected to have the following with them daily:

- School Bag
- Student Handbook (issued by tutor)
- Pencil Case
- Black or Blue Pens
- Green Pen
- Ruler

- Pencils
- Rubber
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator

During tutor time, spot checks will take place to ensure all students have the necessary equipment. Where students do not meet the expectations a member of staff will be in contact and sanctions set as required.

## **Mobile Phones**

We appreciate that for safety and security to and from school you may wish for your child to have a mobile phone.

Last year we returned to a no phone use during the school day (08:30-14:40), this is continuing. If a student's phone is visible or being used without permission, it will be confiscated and a 30-minute detention will be issued. Students who refuse to hand over their phone will receive a further appropriate sanction in line with the school's behaviour policy. This was addopted well on the whole, but please remind your child of these rules after the summer break.

#### **Conduct in School Reception**

We would also like to kindly remind all parents to maintain a respectful and courteous manner when interacting with staff at reception. Our team is here to support you and ensure the smooth running of the Academy. Any concerns or queries will be addressed promptly and professionally and we appreciate your cooperation in fostering a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.

I hope you all have managed to have a peaceful break over the Summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Prankerd

Headteacher