

July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

May I remind you that the academy closes for the summer holidays at the normal time of 2.30pm on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will re-open for the new school year on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. On this day, students in year 7 and year 11 will begin at the normal start time of 8.25am, with all other year groups arriving at 10.45am for an 11am start.

I recognise that many parents will be purchasing additional items of uniform over the summer holiday and I would like to take this opportunity of reminding you of a number of points regarding uniform, as well as reinforcing some of our standards in preparation for the new school year.

- Most items of uniform must be purchased through our official supplier: Trutex. However, shirts can be purchased elsewhere but must be plain white with a stiff collar.
- **Shoes should be plain black** – shoes with gold or silver buckles or trims are not allowed and neither are boots, pumps, trainers, jelly or canvas shoes.
- **Socks must be plain black**
- **Tights must be a minimum of 40 denier**
- **Coats should be fit for purpose with no large logos** – hoodies or track suit tops are not a substitute for a coat and are not allowed
- **Students must bring a suitable bag with them every day**
- **The only item of jewellery allowed is a wrist watch**
- **No body piercings, including nose, tongue or belly button are allowed** - I would suggest that anyone planning to have a piercing, does so at the start of the summer holiday as regardless of what advice students are given by the person doing the piercing, they will not be allowed in the academy
- **Noticeable make-up is not allowed and any make-up must be discreet** – I recognise that the interpretation of 'discreet' is a subjective one and would urge students to wear less make-up if in doubt
- **Nail polish or false / gel nails are not allowed**
- **False eyelashes are not to be worn**
- **Basic equipment such as a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber should be brought every day**

Please note that uniform infringements will incur a sanction and students will be asked to correct the issue; refusal to do so will result in a more significant sanction, such as a suspension.

I welcome your support with this matter and I hope that the timing of this letter will allow you to plan accordingly over the summer break.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. May I take this opportunity of wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Haynes  
Principal