

July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Uniform/Standards for September 2017**

I am writing to confirm that there are no changes to our uniform for September 2017. I am glad that we are able to continue with our neat and tidy and also cost-effective uniform for students.

We do expect that all students wear the uniform correctly and with pride and we appreciate the active support and cooperation that we get from parents. **We are extremely proud that the vast majority of students wear their uniform correctly and we appreciate this.**

**One change we are putting in place is a non-tolerance of uniform infringements on the first occasion.** This means that any student who is not in correct uniform will that day be placed in Inclusion and remain there until they are wearing the correct uniform. Our aim is not to fall out with parents over this, but to emphasise to students that being part of a school learning community covers all aspects, including uniform.

I would like to highlight some key points that some students have had some difficulties with this past year by way of signposting to parents and students some obvious pitfalls.

- Shoes should be black **leather or leather imitation** and **not** plimsolls, canvas, boots, trainers, trainer imitation or anything with a logo.
- Trousers need to be **loose fitting** and **not canvas or denim style**. Leggings that are tight fitting are not acceptable.
- Skirts must be the **school skirt, knee length and not altered in any way**. It has become obvious that some skirts have been altered to be shorter or tighter fitting and these are not acceptable as uniform.
- White shirts with a formal collar, not a turned down or a blouse collar.
- The school jumper and school tie linked to your child's house.
- Hoodies are **never** acceptable at any time of the year, regardless of the weather.
- Tattoos are illegal for children. Piercings can be **one stud per ear** in each ear only. **No** facial or oral piercings are allowed.

The student planner has all these points in it if parents are unsure at all about any of the rules. I would like to re-emphasise we will be stricter on these rules in September than in previous years so it is worth looking again at your child's uniform and the argument that something was not picked up as an issue last year will not be accepted by me as a reason from September 2017.

Principal **Matthew Parr-Burman**

We are all trying to work together to continue to be a Good and then an Outstanding school and we look at every aspect of the school in order to do this. Uniform is one part of this that we need to make sure is right as we feel it is part of the good preparation for learning.

If you have any concerns around affording the Academy uniform then please do not hesitate to contact us. Please contact your child's Head of House in this instance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Parr-Burman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Parr-Burman  
Principal