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Dear families,

I cannot believe that we are reaching the end of the academic year and my first year as Head of School. It doesn't seem five minutes since we were welcoming Year 7 for their first assembly and reminding Year 11 and 13 that they had just 8 months before their exams. And wow, we have managed to cram a lot into these 11 months too. Later this week I will send out the final newsletter of the year which will celebrate the things that students have been involved in. It has truly been remarkable the number events and experiences that our students have had the opportunity to take part in this term.

What sits at the heart of these events is the relationship between everyone who is part of our community. Our students continue to impress both within school and outside of school. This week alone I have had feedback from local businesses complementing our Year 12 students on their work experience and similar comments have been made by a range of professionals who came in to run our mock interview days. Our sports leaders were complemented by parents and staff in a recent primary sports day, and countless external providers have visited and compared our students positively to those who they work with in other schools. I am always proud of our students and how they carry themselves – they are a real credit to you.

I am also proud of the staff who work with your young people day in, day out. We have a great staff body who go above and beyond to provide high quality teaching experiences and great pastoral care for all of our students. I want to thank them for this. As with every year, we are saying goodbye to some staff this summer. Mrs Drake, Miss Armitage, Mr Sharpe, Mr Oldroyd, Miss Gould, Miss Hughes, Mrs Wood, Mrs Kemp and Mr Kellighan will all be leaving us at the end of the term and I wish them the best with their next steps.

Finally, I also want to thank parents for their support. Schools work best when parents actively support us to uphold our high expectations and support their children to engage with the learning and experiences offered. Thank you for doing this.

We will be breaking up for the summer holidays at 1pm on Friday 25 July. Students will follow this timetable on Friday:

- 8:40-9:55am – Period 1
- 9:55-11:10am – Period 2

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- 11:10am-12:00pm – Extended break (an Ice Cream van will be on site for those who wish to buy and ice cream)
- 12:00-1:00pm – Extended tutor time including whole-school celebration assembly

In September we will be having a staggered return for students. Arrangements for our return to school are:

- Year 7: **Tuesday 2 September at 8:35am**
- Year 11: **Tuesday 2 September at 9:30am**

Both year groups will have an assembly when they arrive, so need to go straight to the theatre.

- All year groups (but the first day back for Years 8, 9 and 10): **Wednesday 3 September at 8:35am**. All students should go straight to their tutor room.
- Year 12: **Wednesday 3 September at 8:35am**. Students should go straight to the Sixth Form Study Centre.
- Year 13: **Wednesday 3 September at 10:30am**. Students should go straight to the theatre.

I attach below a summary of our uniform expectations to help ensure a smooth start for all students.

Finally, thank you for your support throughout the year and I wish all students and their families a wonderful summer break. See you in September!

Yours sincerely,



Gary Hillyard

Head of School

Uniform Expectations

Daily Uniform:

Blazer: Black school blazer with House badge in House colour (you will be informed of your child's House during the transition process and the first badge is provided free of charge. Replacements are charged at £1 each available from the House office).

Trousers: Grey school trousers with the Academy logo embroidered and purchased from our uniform suppliers. These are available for everyone. A Black belt for trousers is recommended. Trousers should be worn around the waist and not in a slouched-style.

Skirt: Grey school skirt with the Academy logo embroidered, purchased from our uniform suppliers. Skirts should not be rolled up and the logo should be on show at all times.

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button, appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable i.e. polo shirts. No T-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a school tie. School ties need to be in immaculate condition; ties that have threads pulled or ink marks on it will need to be replaced.

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn. This is an optional uniform item.

Socks or Tights: Plain black socks or tights – socks can be ankle or below knee length only.

Shoes: Plain black shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn. Canvas /suede is not permitted. We suggest shoes which can be easily polished and which are leather/leather look are most suitable (for example Nike Air Force trainers are not permitted).

PE Kit:

Academy PE top with Academy logo (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers).

One of black panelled shorts, skort, leggings or academy tracksuit trousers with school logo (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers) or plain black non-branded shorts/skort, sports leggings (not made of a jersey material or partially transparent fabric) or tracksuit trousers (can be purchased from our uniform suppliers or a retailer of your choice). Any logos should be plain black.

Plain black sports socks.

Footwear should include appropriate trainers for indoor and outdoor activities, football boots are required for some activities.

There is also a warm PE top available from our suppliers which is a non-compulsory item but is recommended for cold weather.

Students who are unable to participate in activities (through illness or injury) must still bring and change into PE kit even if they are unable to perform and will be asked to help support the lesson in other ways. Students who do not have kit with them are expected to borrow kit from school in order to take part and this is logged on the school behaviour system.

General requirements:

School Coat: Students may wear plain coats or jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops, fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets are not permitted and will be confiscated if worn at school.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it also gets lost easily. Students may wear one stud in each ear. Any other piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tramlines or dyes. In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE and other practical lessons and headbands are not permitted.

Headwear: Any headwear worn due to religious belief should be black.

Make-up: Make-up should not be seen. Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted at any time.

Piercings need to be removed for PE lessons. We advise that students do not have piercings done during times when this will cause issues for them taking part in PE. Students who do not remove piercings will be asked to wear PE kit and take on different roles within the lesson as well as putting tape over their piercings.