

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Important End-of-Term information**

I am writing to you as we approach the end of a long and tiring term to share with you some important information about the end of term and offer some reminders about our uniform expectations in readiness for the return in the new year.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, students are expected in school as usual, although we will be closing to students at 2.30pm instead of 3.00pm. The school bus time has been amended to reflect this.

### **Uniform expectations**

Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen a significant number of students flouting our uniform expectations, so I felt it appropriate to issue a reminder of what is and is not permitted, so everyone is clear on the rules.

#### **General**

Students are expected to wear the following to school each day; Netherwood blazer, white collared shirt, Netherwood tie, black trousers (not jeans or leggings), solely black polishable shoes. Students who deviate from this expectation will be held in the Triage Base until rectified. The academy has a range of uniform for students to borrow in the Uniform and Attendance Hub.

#### **Belts**

If a student opts to wear a belt, it must be plain and discreet. Belts that have large logos are not allowed.

#### **Jewellery**

Students are allowed to wear one stud in each ear lobe; other jewellery such as rings, necklaces, bracelets and other piercings will be confiscated and stored in the school safe until the final day of the half term when a parent or carer can collect the jewellery from 3:05pm. This applies at all times when students are in the academy, and starts and ends at the gates; jewellery seen at 3:00pm within school grounds is still subject to confiscation.

#### **Nose studs**

Nose piercings are not allowed under any circumstances. This includes clear studs. Students must remove all nose piercings before they arrive at school. Should nose studs be seen within school they will be confiscated and sanctions in line with all other jewellery implemented.

### **Hairstyle and colour**

Hair should be of a natural colour, with no unnatural-coloured dyes. Please check with the school if you are at all unsure.

### **Make-up and nails**

Make-up should be discreet. Any make-up which is deemed excessive by the academy, including false eyelashes, will need to be removed before students enter the academy. Nails that are acrylic or coloured (including white) will need to be removed before students attend the academy. Students will be held in the Triage Base until make-up and nails are rectified.

### **Equipment**

Students are expected to bring the following equipment to school each day: pen; pencil; ruler; purple pen; planner (with timetable stuck in); Knowledge Organiser. Failure to have all equipment results in a Tier 1 Detention.

We are also encouraging students to ensure they come to school each day with an appropriate bag, as they will need to carry their equipment as well as Knowledge Organisers (which are in A4 sturdy black wallets). From September 2024, a bag will form a compulsory part of student equipment.

### **Mobile Phones**

Should a mobile phone be seen or heard it will be confiscated and stored in the school safe until 3:05pm the following day when a parent or carer can collect the device. Subsequent offences may result in students being subject to a Mobile Phone contract where they hand over their device daily. This applies at all times when students are in the academy, and starts and ends at the gates; mobile phones seen at 3:00pm within school grounds are still subject to confiscation.

I trust this clarifies our stance on uniform, equipment and jewellery. Should you have any questions, please direct these to the relevant Year Team.

### **And finally...**

I would like to thank you all, on behalf of the whole staff, for your support over the course of the year so far. Many things have changed, and much has been achieved, and this is made easier when we are able to work together in the best interests of students.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas and peaceful New Year; a reminder that school re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back then.

Best wishes



Mr J Mitchell  
**Principal**