

15 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the academy as we drive standards to improve the school. We are very proud of our students and how smart they look in their school uniform each day.

From January 2023 the purple line will be at the external first gate, rather than near Reception. This means that students will need to ensure that they are adhering to rules from this point. As this is a change there will be lots of staff there to remind them and support with this.

Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Smart watches are not allowed in the Academy. **Any jewellery worn in school will be confiscated and placed in reception for students to collect at the end of the day.**

If any student is thinking about having their ears pierced, or any other piercing, this should be done at the start of the summer holiday, as no student will be allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery at any time.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in the academy. If a student has their mobile phone out, they will be expected to hand it to a member of staff.

Please note: A parent/carer will need to collect the mobile phone.

Coats

During winter months the weather can be unpredictable and students do go outside as they transition between lessons. It is for this reason that we recommend that students wear a winter coat. It is important that the coat is weather proof. For this reason body warmers and furry coats are not appropriate.

Make-up

Noticeable make-up is not allowed. Any make-up must be discreet. The decision as to what qualifies as discreet rests with the Principal and Executive Principal of the individual Academy. This is not negotiable. False eyelashes are not to be worn and henna is not allowed. Nail varnish of any colour is not allowed. If your child has nails, eyelashes on for the Christmas period we would request that you ensure they have a removal appointment booked before Tuesday 3 January 2023. Failure to remove these items before returning to school may lead to isolation upon return in January.

Shoes

Only plain black shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform. The shoes should be free from embellishments and decorations. No trainer-like shoes, boots, pumps or canvas shoes (including 'Vans') will be allowed. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1 inch.

Please note: black trainers or Vivienne Westwood shoes are not appropriate.

If students are not wearing the correct footwear they will be expected to borrow a pair of shoes from Student Reception/Learning Manager - the shoes will be treated with a hygienic spray after each use.

Please be aware that none of the above rules are new; they have been in place for some time. However, it is important that we re-issue expectations as occasionally some students fall short of this. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support as the vast majority of our students meet these expectations every day and we appreciate that this happens due to the support of our parents.

You will receive another letter today from Julie Slater (Chief Executive Principal, Secondary) about the changes we have decided to make to our branded items in light of the cost of living increases.

Thank you for supporting the academy; it is really appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Manager:

Year 7 - Miss Gaffney

Year 8 - Miss Dudley

Year 9 - Mr Marshall

Year 10 - Mr Bezance

Year 11 - Ms Greco

Yours faithfully,



Mrs G Trattles

Associate Executive Principal

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