

## *Educate for life*

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we finish one academic year and start to think about the next, it's good to reflect on the positive approach that our students bring to the academy day in and day out. We believe in a culture of behaviour that supports learning, of pride in our school and in our community and our students demonstrate this every single day.

As part of this sense of pride, it is students' responsibility to wear their uniform correctly to show respect for the academy, including on the way to and from school.

For the whole of the next academic year, we are planning a rigorous focus on the maintenance of these standards, which also help to embed the attributes of personal pride, responsibility and self-discipline. This will include the unwavering expectation that blazers are worn at all times, that shirts are tucked in and that skirts are worn around knee length or below.

In order to support us in achieving this ambition, please can we ask, as you look to purchase uniform for the new academic year, that you ensure that shirts and skirts fit properly and are not too small, as this helps students to keep them tucked in (shirts) and worn at the correct length (skirts).

The Academy website has full details of the correct uniform for all students: <https://cowesec.org/key-info/uniform>

The expectation is that uniform is worn correctly at all times, however, it's worth a reminder of how we will respond to students who choose not to meet this expectation.

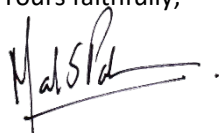
- Students whose shirts become untucked during the day will be asked by staff to tuck them back in. On the rare occasion where a student does not do so when requested, an academy detention will be issued.
- Students who skirts are not worn at the correct length, because they have been deliberately rolled up at the waist, will immediately be issued with an academy detention. From September, if a student is issued with 3 detentions for this uniform breach, we will withdraw permission for them to wear a skirt for the remainder of that term and they will need to wear trousers instead. We would ask parents to bear this in mind when purchasing new uniform.

From September, we will be returning to a single entrance for students in the morning (the main entrance to the school for all year groups). We will be checking uniform on the door, and at regular intervals throughout each school day.

We believe that a smart appearance helps to develop and reinforce a sense of pride and reflects in a positive approach to work and behaviour. Your support in helping us to achieve this for all students is greatly appreciated.

Have a peaceful summer and we look forward to welcoming our students back to the academy in September.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Palmer  
Vice Principal