

Educate for life

Dear Parent/Carer,

All of us at the Academy were pleased to welcome our students back to school this morning. It was fantastic to see the majority of our students looking smart and wearing their Academy uniform with pride.

Students were reminded this morning in tutor time that we will be checking uniform on the door, and at regular intervals throughout each school day. It is a student's responsibility to wear their uniform correctly: shirts should be tucked in; skirts should be worn at knee length or below and not rolled up at the waist; blazers should be worn at all times, unless in a classroom with permission from their teacher. The only jewellery that is allowed to be worn is one simple stud or sleeper in the lobe of the ear. A wrist watch is allowed, but smart watches are not. Mobile phones should not be seen or heard during the school day.

As I mentioned in my letter in July, for the whole of this academic year we are planning a rigorous focus on uniform standards, and whilst we hope not to need to issue any sanctions, if a student makes a choice that flouts our uniform policy, we will issue an Academy detention. This could include not tucking in their shirt when requested to do so by a member of staff; choosing to roll up their skirt at the waist; or choosing not to wear their blazer (unless given permission by their teacher in a classroom situation only). Jewellery other than that mentioned above will be confiscated and will need to be collected from main reception at the end of the school day. Mobile phones that are seen and confiscated will need to be collected from main reception by parents.

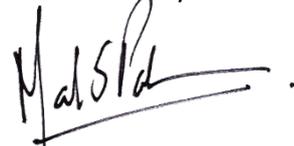
We are grateful for your support in helping youngsters to make the right choices and ask that you work with them to ensure that shirts and skirts fit properly and are not too small, as this helps students to keep them tucked in (shirts) and worn at the correct length (skirts).

The Academy website has full details of the correct uniform for all students.

Finally, a reminder that if a student is issued with 3 detentions because they have chosen to roll their skirt up at the waist, 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 believe that a smart appearance helps to develop and reinforce a sense of pride and reflects in a positive approach to work and behaviour. As always, your support in helping us to achieve this for all students is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Mark Palmer
Vice Principal