



Wednesday, 12 December 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As is customary, students will be dismissed from school at 12 noon for the start of Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

Can we take this opportunity to wish families Happy Christmas and good fortune for the New Year. We would like to thank parents and students for their support and hard work in the Autumn Term. In particular the support the School received from parents in pushing up our attendance has created a very positive impact.

The Spring Term will re-open to students on Monday 7 January 2019. All students should arrive at School at 08:20 for an 08:30 start with registration as normal. Please ensure that your child reports to School, after the holidays in full school uniform with all the necessary equipment.

The first two weeks of January will be Mock examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13. We would encourage all students to take advantage of the holidays to prepare effectively for these assessments. Confidence and valuable learning can be gained if students fully engage with their revision and preparation for these crucial tests ahead of the real exams in the summer.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform allows students to feel part of the School and have a sense of belonging. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our students wear their uniform correctly and attached to this letter is a copy of the **School's Dress Code** as a reminder of what is and is not permitted. Please do ensure that your child reports to School, after the holidays, in full School uniform.

In the colder weather, many students may choose to wear scarves, shawls and coats. Please ensure that these are plain black, in line with the published uniform requirements.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND MUFTI DAY

This will take place on Monday 17 December 2018. Lunch will begin at 12 noon for Year 7 and 8 on this day and the money raised by students not wearing uniform [£1 contribution per student] will be in aid of a local charity, The Mulberry Centre Hospice which supports families dealing with cancer.

We look forward to seeing students at the start of term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

SPRING TERM PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Year 7 Tuesday 26 February

Year 10 Tuesday 19 March

Year 8 Thursday 14 March

Post-16 Thursday 7 February

Year 9 Tuesday 12 February

SCHOOL UNIFORM

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORM TO, FROM AND AT SCHOOL

- School tie
- School blazer with School Logo
- Plain black skirt [knee length]
- Plain black trousers [regular cut] - no jeans or tight fitting trousers
- Plain white shirt
- Black V-necked pullover with School Logo
- Black leather type upper shoes
- White or black socks
- Plain black or flesh coloured tights
- Plain black outdoor coat, hat and scarf - no logos or stripes
- No caps or hoodies
- Plain black or white Hijab / Turban

- A wristwatch and single, small stud earring in each lobe is all that is permitted. Small, religious emblems may be worn discreetly inside a student's uniform but not during PE lessons
- Hair should be smart and formal in appearance. Coloured hair and high fashion/cult hairstyles are not permitted. Shaved heads [Shorter than Grade 2] are not permitted. No tramlines in hair or eyebrows
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices should not be brought to School. The School will not take any responsibility if such items are lost or damaged on School premises; if seen, they will be confiscated and a parent will be required to collect them on Friday afternoon between 15:00 and 16:00
- No make-up; nails to be natural, unpolished and kept short. Students will be required to trim nails, which are too long and pose a potential safety threat to other students.

PE KIT

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING PE KIT AT SCHOOL

- Black and red School rugby shirt
- White School T-shirt with School logo
- Black School shorts with School logo **and** black tracksuit bottoms with School Logo
- Black football socks
- Shin pads for matches
- Supportive trainers [not plimsolls]
- Football boots / Astro-turf trainers [optional]