

Wednesday 14th December

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to inform you of the arrangements for the beginning of next term, the consequent alterations to the academy finishing times and remind you about our expectations regarding uniform.

Tuesday 3rd January and Wednesday 4th January are INSET days and as such the students **are not** required to attend school. The first day back for students is Thursday 5th January and all students are expected to be in school by 8.50am. Breakfast club will be open from 8am as normal. To facilitate further staff training which could not be incorporated into the INSET programme, we will be finishing at **2pm on Thursday, instead of 3pm**. Interventions will not be running but detentions will run as normal. You will receive text messages informing you about any detentions in the usual way. There are no alterations to the school day on Friday 6th January and interventions and detentions will run in the usual way.

The holidays provide an opportunity to purchase uniform items and so I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and families of the uniform requirement. May I politely remind you that these are not new regulations and so, before buying uniform that does not adhere to the below list, please contact school to avoid having to buy twice.

- Trousers are mid grey, school trousers and not leggings, skinny jeans or cargo pants.
- School skirts are mid grey and knee length.
- The only footwear allowed is a plain black shoe.
- Outdoor coats are to be black with no logos and worn only to and from school. Not in the school building.
- Hoodies, sweat tops and fleeces are not allowed at all. If a student wishes to wear a jumper in cold weather it must be a plain black v neck jumper.
- School ties and house badges must be worn at all times and the uniform includes a school bag to be carried every day.

In addition to the academy uniform students are permitted to wear the following items:

- One small wristwatch
- One pair of small stud earrings. Stretchers are not allowed. Only ear piercings are allowed, all other piercings must be removed before coming to school and replaced with clear plastic retainers.
- Bangles, necklaces and rings are not allowed.

I thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Emily Morey
Vice Principal