



Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of our progress so far this year and our achievements from the end of the last academic term. As many of you will be aware, last year we attempted to break a Guinness World Record by attempting the 'most people doing The Floss dance move simultaneously'. We were successful in our record attempt and completed the challenge with 978 people simultaneously flossing for one minute.

In addition to this, last year I wrote to you with regards to our work with the Blackpool Beating Bullying Charter Mark. I can now announce that Montgomery Academy is the first school in Blackpool to achieve the bronze charter mark and we will continue to work towards silver and gold over the coming months. We have seen a huge influx of anti bullying ambassadors who are eager to take on their leadership roles and support other peers in the school. To explain our work in more detail and the charter mark itself Headstart have produced the video linked here: https://youtu.be/ZK4B_aSrRKc

Uniform

Thank you to everyone's support with the new Montgomery Academy uniform. The feedback from students, parents and the wider community has been overwhelmingly positive, stating how smart and presentable our students look. I would like to take the opportunity to remind our families that all students must be in the new Montgomery Academy uniform for September 2020. This was mentioned in letters and correspondence in the last academic year. Please do not purchase the old uniform at this stage.

We have made vast improvements with the skirts and all students in years 7-10 now have a skirt of the appropriate length. I would ask with your support on speaking to your child about skirts being rolled up. Students wearing skirts that are shorter than the agreed 2inch above the knee, will receive consequences and may be isolated out of their regular lessons if the issue persists.

Hairstyles: I would also like to take the opportunity to mention shaved lines in hair. Tramlines or shaved head designs are not acceptable. This includes a prominent line shaved into the hair. We have had a number of queries about this and wanted to send out clear clarification.

Nails: On our previous policy nails were not mentioned, but unfortunately last year we have had nails that are not conducive to learning and can be a health and safety issue. Therefore, we have put the following guidelines in place which have been communicated with students in assemblies and tutor time. Nails must appear natural with no coloured nail varnish. If students have acrylic nails they must: be short in length, be natural in colour and have a rounded tip. Students arriving to school with a coloured nail varnish or inappropriate acrylics will be asked to remove them.

I would like to thank you for your continued support. All systems have been put in place to further our ongoing improvements and raise the standards even further for your child. If you have any queries or I can support further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Cumming
(Assistant Leader of personal development, behaviour and welfare)