

25th August 2023

Dear parent / carer,

We look forward to welcoming students back to school in September following a restful summer break. To ensure a positive start to the school year, we need your help to ensure a settled and productive start to the term.

Please help us to avoid an unnecessarily challenging start to the year by checking with your child/ children that they are 'school ready' on all matters relating to the uniform and equipment expectations - **especially the new ones**, ahead of the new term.

Please refresh your understanding of these expectations by reading this link.

The most common issues arise, when students return from holiday periods with piercings, false eyelashes, acrylic or gel nails, more extreme hairstyles and hair colours – all of which are not permitted and will result in a sanction. Students often have growth spurts over the school holiday. Please check that skirts are knee length on return.

In addition, please ensure that your child is equipped for school with a clear pencil case which contains as a minimum:

- 3 Black pens
- 3 Green pens
- 2 Whiteboard pens (a new requirement this academic year)
- Pencils
- Protractor
- Compass
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator

It is also recommended that students have:

- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighters

Students will not need their PE kit for their first school day as we settle them back in to our routines.

Year 11, we are immensely excited about our first ever full cohort university visit day on Monday 4th. Please be punctual!

We are excited to welcome students back soon in the hope that they too will share in the superb levels of success experienced by so many Y10, 11, & 13 students once again this year. A reminder about the staggered start for different year groups – the link is here.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. P. Gray

Headteacher