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Dear Parent,

School Update – February 2024

For the start of the new term, we would like to welcome all of our students back – we hope you have had a good break, resting ahead of what will be a busy term.

Welcome Back

As we welcome the second part of the spring term, we are delighted to let you know that Mr Parker, Headteacher Designate, made his first formal visit to school today ahead of an Easter start. Students and staff alike have made him feel very welcome and if possible, he is even more excited about joining and leading the Tarleton family.

Miss Ellis from the Mathematics team started her maternity leave just before half term. Today we welcomed Mr Vearling who will teach Maths for the duration of her absence and who has made a great start with his new classes.

School Uniform 2023-2024

We are proud of the way the vast majority of our students wear their uniform and attend school looking smart and ready to learn. Here is a reminder of the uniform:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Black school trousers (regular fit) or thick pleated black knee length skirt
- Black blazer with school badge
- School tie
- Plain, black socks
- If wearing a skirt, socks should be long but no higher than the knee (no patterns or bows) or plain black tights (minimum 40 denier) can be worn
- Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes

Further areas for improvement in the spring term:

1. **Skirt length** - Skirts should be **strictly knee length** at the start of the year. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length – this is to ensure a good standard of professional dress in school.



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2. **Strictly knee length socks** – that are pulled up and without bows or patterns.
3. **Chosen shoe** – these should be **black, leather like and sturdy and not trainers**. Shoes should be traditional and look like school shoes – ballet style pumps, Vivienne Westwood shoes that slip on, any trainer, plain or with a logo and those that are nearly, but not quite trainers are not suitable. Please do not spend money on shoes that you are unsure about – please contact school and we can check the suitability.

Needless to say, wherever possible for financial and reasons related to sustainability, where pre-loved uniform can be recycled or swapped, we would always encourage it. If your child has any pieces of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we would be delighted to accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them.

As ever, as we move into the middle of the year, most important and genuinely, we do not want anyone to ever worry about buying school uniform. If you do need any support with uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on enquiries@tarletonacademy.org or call us at school and we can talk about this in confidence.

Other Important Information about

Some other areas that relate to appearance that we need your support to improve and meet the expectations of school. You may receive a message from school about an aspect of your child's appearance and we welcome your support. Primarily this will be about:

1. Make up and/or fake tan should be discreet – we have discussed what discreet is and means in school today.
2. Fake tan should be discreet.
3. False lashes are not permitted.
4. False nails or nail varnish is not permitted.
5. Jewellery is one stud per ear lobe and a non-smart watch.

Finally ...

Saving the best till last. Year 11 were back with a bang, straight into their Food & Nutrition practical examination. At 9.30 this morning there was jam making, preparation of fresh pasta and fish being filleted (amongst many other things!). The students were thoroughly well



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prepared and laser focused. The respect, resilience and aspiration on show was inspirational and this serves to reinforce why we do this job – a great big well done to the first group through. Watch out for some of the photographs on social media later on.

Facimus Nostre Futurae.

Yours faithfully,

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