



5 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been such a busy start to the summer term, we are very proud of our students, they are working really hard to ensure our core values of positivity, ambition, resilience and thoughtfulness are embedded in everything that we do.

Family Drop in

I'm delighted to share that we will be holding a family drop in to speak to our school SENCOs Ms Weekes and Mrs Canham. We are hosting this from **2:00pm – 4:00pm on Thursday 11 May**; everyone is welcome, we simply ask that you contact Mrs Dixon on the email address below to book in so that we can plan to accommodate the relevant number of families -

Jdi@birkenheadparkschool.com

Year 11

The GCSE Examinations begin on Monday 15th May and continue until Tuesday 20th June. We are really impressed by our class of 2023 who have embraced all of the opportunities that have been offered by the school. We expect full school attendance throughout the exam period, and there will be a detailed revision and intervention programme delivered by our expert teachers until the exams for that subject are over. We ask that all families continue to ensure that their child attends every day, but is also working hard at home in the evening and weekends. We know that the students who work the hardest in school and at home make the most progress.

Learning Habit - Equipment

As you know we provided a full pencil case to all students in February and your child can collect any new equipment they may need at the start of the day. Tutor time equipment checks take place every morning as we know that being ready to learn is an important habit for future GCSE success, our students have responded extremely positively to our expectations regarding equipment.

Learning Habit - Attendance and Punctuality

It has been really positive to see so many of our students back at the school this week after the disruption of the strike days and the long bank holiday weekend. Attendance overall is also improving with growing numbers of students showing real ambition and resilience to do the right thing by attending school every single day and before 8:35am. Great attendance really can lead to great outcomes at GCSE and beyond.

Learning Habit – Perfect Uniform

As you are aware, school's drive to raise standards continues and we have high, but not unreasonable expectations. To see these high standards simply about our uniform policy is to misunderstand our approach to raising standards in everything we do. We will continue to be unapologetic about applying consistently high standards in everything we do, we are committed to improving the life chances for the young people in the community we serve. Furthermore, we will not waiver from our approach and our standards will remain. We really appreciate your support, thank you for working with us.

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For clarity I have listed the school uniform items below.

- Full school uniform is expected to be worn by all students every day.
- A black blazer with a red trim and the school badge
- A white shirt/blouse
- School clip-on tie; no other type is permitted
- Black school trousers or black skirt - girls' trousers must be tailored
- Plain black shoes
- A school jumper or black cardigan may be worn provided they are fine knit.
- Plain black or white socks, black tights
- School lanyard and timetable

For reference, the following are **NOT acceptable**:

- Bodycon skirt
- Trainers
- Walking/softshell trousers
- Tracksuit bottoms
- False nails (including coloured or French polish)
- Painted nails/ Shellac/ gel – only clear or natural nail polish is permitted
- False eyelashes
- Fake tan or spray tan that does not look natural
- Facial piercings
- Extreme hair colours (only natural looking colours are permitted)
- Extreme hair styles
- Jewellery – (including rings, bracelets, bangles)

Finally, I am so proud of how our school community has adjusted to our higher expectations and standards, this week we have seen students take part in a range of King's Coronation activities and they are continuing to work hard to embed the school's learning habits. We are not yet where we want to be but each day we are working to get closer to it, once again thank you for your support.

I hope you have a wonderful King's Coronation weekend.

Kind Regards



Peter Mee
Head of School