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HAVING EMPATHY

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Friday 10th January 2025

# Headteacher's Message



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## Calendar Icon Important Dates

### Friday 17th January

Year 11 mock exams end

### Thursday 16th January

Year 10 progress evening  
(16:00 - 18:30)

### Thursday 23rd January

Vision evening (All stakeholders -  
key qualities of students @ WLD)

### Thursday 6th February

Year 9 progress/options evening  
(16:00 - 18:30)

### Friday 14th February

School closes for half term break

### Monday 24th February

School reopens for Spring term 2

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## Reward trip

On 3rd April 2025, there will be a trip to the Trafford Centre for as a reward for students with excellent attendance and those who always complete their homework.

The trip will require a minimum attendance of 93.23% - which means no more than 18 sessions of absences since September to the trip date. Students must also not receive any suspensions.

To qualify to attend for homework, students must have no more than one missed homework from 13th January to 21st March.

Anyone who qualifies to attend will be invited by school on 24th March, with payment to be made via ParentPay. Please note that places will be limited.



## Addressing absence

Our attendance rate is currently **87.86%**, which is significantly lower than the national average. Schools are measured on their attendance figures, as well as their attainment and test results. We require support from all parents and carers to help and drive the importance of student attendance across school. Please take a moment to read the details about reducing illness days to ensure that you are helping your child.

The school day starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. Any absences that occur after school starts, or before school finishes, will be marked unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are decided by school.

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## Uniform orders

All ordered uniform or stationery packs will be available for students to collect the day after placing the order from the Uniform Shop (B7) at breaktime daily 11.00am - 11.15am. **Students are responsible for collecting all orders from the Uniform Shop.**

## Uniform expectations

All students are expected to wear the school uniform and maintain the highest standards of appearance at all times. We believe that the wearing of a school uniform is an important factor in establishing a pride in, and identity with the school, and at the same time minimises social divisions between students.

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## Uniform expectations

### Compulsory items:

- Black school blazer with the school badge
- White shirt with button up collar
- Clip-on grey school tie
- WLD Black knee length pleated skirt
- Tailored black trousers
- Black or white socks/black tights
- Plain black shoes
- A suitable school bag to carry books/equipment

### Optional items:

- Black V-necked sweater with the school motif embroidered on the left hand side.
- Sensible outdoor coat that it is "worn over other clothes to keep warm or dry". It is therefore worn over the blazer and the rest of the uniform.

### These are examples of shoes that **are allowed**:



### These are examples of shoes that are **not allowed**:



Shoes that are fabric, canvas or suede will not be permitted. Similarly, boots, training/sports shoes or sports brands will not be permitted. Shoes must be plain black with no logos, stripes (including black) or additional colours present and the laces must be black. Shoes should have a back to them and heels should be low.

### Uniform standards:

- Blazers should be worn at all times by all students. They may be removed in class at the discretion of the teacher. A jumper in place of a blazer should **not** be worn.
- Trainers must **not** be worn in school apart from in Physical Education lessons.
- Any request for permission to be excused wearing an item of uniform must be made in writing to the form tutor giving the reason and the period for which it is sought.
- Hair accessories should be of simple design. Extreme haircuts are not permitted. A number 2 is the shortest hair permissible.
- Make-up is permitted as long as it is subtle - no heavy eye make-up/lipstick.
- For health and safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn in school other than a watch (Smart watches are not allowed). All piercings are strictly prohibited, as are acrylic nails or similar items. Students are not allowed nail polish and are asked to remove it. False eyelashes are not permitted due to health and safety.

## Reducing illness days

When a child has a day off, we must be notified by a parent/carer as to why. This must be done by using ClassCharts or SchoolComms only. This should be done on each day of absence. A child returning to school after an unexplained absence will be marked as unauthorised absence until we receive a valid explanation.

If your child is saying they do not feel well and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off, please send them to school. If they are truly ill, we will ring you.

Please note that the school does not authorise absence for periods. Whilst we understand that some female students may suffer with symptoms, periods are a substantial part of adult life and absences due to this reason will be marked as unauthorised. If absences continue, then we would be looking at what support/medication is needed to ensure attendance is maintained.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition?

If your child has to have a medical or dental appointment in school time please do your best to have it after 2pm and then your child can have their registration mark for the afternoon before you pick them up. If it needs to be a morning appointment please try and bring them to school first to get their mark and then return them to school afterwards.

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason like illness (where a child is too ill to attend school), medical/dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable cause.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings.

## Hot chocolate Friday

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| • Ollie C C2   | • Elena R V3   | • Caitlin H C6 | • Ollo H C6     |
| • William G A1 | • Rithika B V1 | • Roxy F E2    | • Oliver J V6   |
| • Olivia J E3  | • Matilda B D4 | • Ella N E5    | • Violet K A2   |
| • Abigail G A1 | • Brooke N E6  | • Lexi T V1    | • Harley M V5   |
| • Elsie C A4   | • Layla R A4   | • Hollie C D2  | • Asha N E5     |
| • Aliena D D1  | • Lexie D A1   | • Lilly G V3   | • Phoebe W-B E5 |

The above students are invited for hot chocolate with Mr Lamoury on Friday this week.

