

WALTON LEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we are now in the last week of the summer break I wanted to get in touch and remind you of some key information so that we can make a good start to the next academic year.

All students are expected to attend the first day of school which is next Tuesday 3rd September. The school day has changed slightly but lessons will start at 8.45am promptly and finish at 3.05pm. As always attendance and punctuality to school are an important aspect of our Conduct Curriculum to be **Ready** to learn.

Student timetables should be available to view from Monday 2nd September on ClassCharts if they wish to look beforehand and prepare. The school has moved to using Google email over the holidays and so email addresses have changed to end with "@wldhigh.co.uk". If students need their ClassCharts codes they can ask their Form Tutor for that information when they return.

Rewards are a big part of school life and parents will see that ClassCharts has been reset to zero ready for the new year. We will look forward to seeing your children achieve with weekly pastoral and subject awards, PUMA awards every half term and termly commendation assemblies. We want to remind all students that homework, attendance, punctuality, uniform and positive points all help them gain invitations to rewards activities and trips. Every lesson counts. If parents need their ClassCharts code again please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Students are expected to arrive on Tuesday in full uniform with the correct equipment needed for lessons and a school bag to carry it in. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It is a social leveller and it also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work. It shows that students are here and **Ready** to learn.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below on areas which are often interpreted incorrectly:

Skirts – school kilt style skirt, available from school (**No other skirt is permitted**).

Trousers - plain straight leg trousers (**Leggings are not permitted**).

Shoes – black polishable leather or simulated leather, please see examples below.



No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are permitted. Please see below examples of shoes which are not permitted.



Make-up, false eyelashes, false nails, nail varnish or jewellery – must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery will be confiscated. No body-piercing is allowed, e.g. nose studs, tongue studs or other ear piercings. **Students with false nails or piercings that cannot/or they refuse to remove will need to be collected from school and taken to have them removed straight away.**

We believe that we were very reasonable before the summer holidays as we understood that parents did not want to buy new uniforms for children at this point, however we will be enforcing the uniform policy when we return on Tuesday and so this letter is to remind parents in advance to prevent conflict and issue.

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements or any reasonable adjustments you feel we need to consider which are not already in place, please contact your HAL. Families in receipt of free school meals are entitled to £60 towards the cost of uniform or our Blackburn bus.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next Tuesday including our new Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely



Vicky Arden
Headteacher