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Key Information for our Return in September

This newsletter contains:

- Details of return in September
- Uniform and basic equipment expectations
- Information on School Photographs
- Attendance Overview
- Mission Statement and Core Values
- Behaviour Expectations

Dear Parent / Carer,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a range of key information that you may need for your child's return to school in September. I will also be sending out a full end of term parental update tomorrow (Friday).

Return in September

All students in Years 7 to 11 will return to school at 8.40am on Monday 5th September. Students will spend time with their form tutor, receive their new timetables and receive an assembly before lessons take place Periods 4 and 5. Normal lessons for the full day start on Tuesday 6th. A reminder that details of all of our calendar / term dates are available on our website: <u>https://wernethschool.com/termdates</u>. We will provide a parental calendar with key dates within the terms for parents (parents' consultation evenings etc) in September.

Uniform and basic equipment

Our uniform rationale strives to prepare young people for the world of work by raising standards of presentation in a consistent approach across the school.

The School Uniform

- · Black official Werneth School blazer with school logo
- · Official Werneth School tie
- · Official Red Jumper with school logo (OPTIONAL GARMENT)
- · Official Black 2.5" stitch-down knife pleated skirt with red WS at the top
- · Black tailored trousers
- \cdot White school shirt, either long or short sleeved
- · Plain black socks (not trainer socks or ankle style sports socks) or plain black tights
- Plain black slip-on or lace up shoes (no trainers, sport's branded footwear, pumps or boots)

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 \cdot School bag, the bag needs to be large enough to hold an A4 file.

Please note: Plain clothing should not contain visible badges, writing or insignia; Trousers and skirts should not be constructed from denim, linen or canvas.

Hair styles should be appropriate for a business setting:

- · Hair accessories (alice bands, hair slides etc.) should be small black or red;
- · Hair dyed in bright colours is not permissible;
- · Patterns or lines shaved into hair is not permissible;
- Head scarves can be worn but should be plain black (no logos, embroidery, fringing or beading) and should be secured with a safety pin.

Jewellery is restricted to:

- \cdot One pair of small plain silver or gold studs (no hooped, coloured or diamante earrings), no more than one stud in each ear;
- · Watches are permitted but will be asked to be removed for examinations;
- · One small silver or gold bracelet.
- · One small silver or gold ring;
- · NO FACIAL PIERCINGS

Students are always offered replacement uniform if they are missing items. Failure towards wearing the correct uniform will lead to Seclusion. In addition persistent uniform infringements will lead to a parental contract to ensure future compliance with uniform rules. Parents/Carers are requested to provide a written note explaining why uniform rules are being impinged where necessary.

Equipment: A reminder that every student in school should bring the following basic equipment with them to school every day: Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber, Scientific Calculator

Photographs: As usual, we will be taking individual school photographs for Year 7 and Year 10 students in school in September. These will take place on **Tuesday 13th September**. Our Year 11 panoramic photograph will be taken on the same day. Parents will be able to buy these photographs if you wish.

Attendance and Punctuality - Mrs Hall, Attendance Lead: A reminder that we take attendance and punctuality seriously at Werneth School. Guidelines make it very clear the irreparable damage absence from school has on a child's life chances: If a child's attendance falls below the 90% guideline for persistent absence then this equates to 20 days absence from school ... 100 lessons missed and the equivalent of one academic year of English, maths or science lessons. Parents may not be aware of the cumulative effect of the absence.

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When your child returns in September, within the first few days, their attendance record will be 100% - please work with us to make sure this is sustained. **Our attendance team will be available at school from Monday 22nd August should you need any support with your child's return. Please see the website for contact details <u>Attendance Webpage</u>. Many thanks again for your support and have a wonderful summer break.**

Mission Statement and Core Values

We have been working hard this term on clarifying our school's mission statement and core values for 2022/23 and beyond. I'd like to formally share them with you here, and you can expect to hear a lot about them moving forward. **Here** is the link.

As a community we have worked really hard this year to review and refine our **behaviour expectations** ready for September. We wish for students to live by the core values and the expectations outlined in the table below. There are further significant changes happening from September. This <u>Positive Discipline</u> document details these changes to our behaviour expectations.

| In classrooms | Around the school |
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| Arrive on time, equipped, in full uniform and ready to learn. Respond to staff instructions; first time, every time. Be respectful to all members of the classroom at all times Listen respectfully and be silent when others, staff and students, are talking. Take pride in your books and complete all work set to a high standard, making maximum use of learning time. Sit where you are directed to sit by your teacher. Have all personal electronic devices off and out of sight. Stand in silence, behind your chair, at the end of each lesson and leave the classroom in a calm and orderly manner. | This school belongs to everyone in our community and as such we expect our community to: Walk sensibly down the corridors Place all litter in the bins provided Follow the one way system Be in full uniform at all times Eat and drink in the correct spaces Keep the environment clean and tidy. Respond to staff instruction first time, every time. Be polite and respectful at all times. |

I wish you and your family a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,

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