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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to report that students have shown great resilience during this challenging half term and I would like to thank you for your support.

As we return in the new year, all year groups will continue to be kept in their year group zones/bubbles. This has worked really well so far but please ensure that your child is aware that they must not cross zones/bubbles whilst at school, and that they must wear their face covering at all times on the corridors and in all communal areas.

I am impressed by the independence and organisation of most of our students but, as another reminder, all students must bring the following with them to school every day:

- Hand sanitiser
- Tissues
- All pens and pencils / school bag
- Sharpener and rubber
- Ruler and maths equipment (including a calculator)
- Standard headphones if using online programmes such as Hegarty and Bedrock / Teams

UNIFORM STANDARDS

Please ensure that your child is adhering to the academy uniform policy, including jewellery where only one pair of small, gold / silver ear studs can be worn in the centre of the ear lobe. No nasal jewellery will be permitted and students will be asked to remove it, hence we would appreciate your support by **NOT** allowing your child to wear any additional jewellery that conflicts with the academy uniform policy.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing to your child the importance of uniform in reflecting the standards, expectations and identity of our school community. School, just like professional work environments, upholds the highest of standards in presenting a consistent and 'corporate' image which reflects the self-respect of us as a community and as individuals. It is only with your support that we can enable our children to understand and share the importance of wearing a uniform with pride.

To support you with speaking to your child about the academy expectations for uniform and punctuality, we have included the summary below as a reminder of the expectations that students must adhere to:

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black academy blazer • White shirt • Academy tie • Black / grey long sleeved v neck jumper (optional) • Black / dark grey trousers • Black socks • Plain black sensible shoes. • No trainers or plimsolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black academy blazer • White shirt • Academy tie • Black / grey long sleeved v neck jumper (optional) • Black trousers • Plain grey skirt • Black ankle socks or black tights • Plain black sensible shoes. No heel or low heel. • No open toe or open back shoes. • No trainers or plimsolls





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Please be aware that students failing to attend school in the correct uniform will be sent home to change.

- No jewellery is permitted other than a watch and one pair of small, gold / silver ear studs worn in the centre of the ear lobe.
- No extremes of hair colour or style.
- No extreme nails. (All nails to be cut to a safe length and be of a natural colour e.g. nudes, light pink or clear)
- No hoodies

PUNCTUALITY

All students are to be in the academy by 9am and should move swiftly to registration.

REWARDS

Please make sure that you download the SIMS parent app in order to receive live notifications when your child gains a reward in school. Your child may be reward by their teacher for outstanding behaviour, attitude or approach to school life:

- **R1 – Classroom based reward**
- **R2 – Home learning / homework / Teams based rewards**
- **R3 – Enrichment / other achievements representing the academy**

Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact school via email or the main school office.

I thank you for your support during these times and wish you all a restful and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Shufflebotham
Deputy Headteacher

