



19 August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

I hope your son/daughter is having a restful summer break so far; we are very much looking forward to seeing all our students when they return shortly. We feel it is key for our students to be able to familiarise themselves with our school expectations regarding uniform, equipment and behaviour before returning. Therefore, we would ask all parents and carers to read the information enclosed within this letter with your son/daughter in preparation. Many thanks.

Start day and time

The day starts at 8.45 am but they should be onsite by the warning bell, which rings at 8.43 am.

What to wear on the first day

Full college uniform, worn smartly and correctly. How students present themselves is very important to the school. It provides students with a clear expectation of the standards that we expect as a member of our college community. Students gain pride from their membership of their school and uniform gives them an opportunity to show this pride visually. We have a strong school uniform and Behaviour for learning policy that helps set the standards for successful learning in the classroom for all students.

Key equipment

Required minimum equipment:

- School bag (large enough to hold an A4 folder);
- Pens (black/blue);
- Green pen;
- Pencil;
- Ruler;
- Rubber;
- Calculator (for Mathematics and Science);
- Pencil case.

What to bring on the first day

- A suitable bag for college containing all basic compulsory equipment.
- Also, bring snacks for breaks, a drink/water bottle and packed lunch if that is your choice.
- All students should bring their PE trainers in their bag on the first day in case they have a PE lesson. If they do have PE timetabled that day the department will plan a suitable activity so as not to require a full change of clothes.

Food

- The school canteen will be open as normal. In order to purchase food from the canteen they need to have money on their account or be eligible for free school meals. Students can obviously choose to bring their own packed lunch.
- Students will be able to sit down and eat their hot meal in the dining hall.

Uniform

- The College blazer to be worn at all times.
- White shirt with collar and sleeves, that buttons up to the collar and is of sufficient length to stay tucked in.
- College tie to be worn at all times.
- Trousers - pressed full length, plain black trousers for boys and girls (not clinging nor made from stretch fabric). Any form of denim is also not acceptable. Smart tailored, hemmed shorts are acceptable.

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- Skirts - school issued skirt only, no shorter than the top of the knee and no lower than the bottom of the knee.
- Footwear - plain, black shoes. Leather ankle boots (flat soled) are acceptable.
- Plain black, grey or white socks only. White socks are not to be worn over tights.
- Coats and jackets - waterproof/windproof outdoor coat big enough to wear over the blazer. Hooded tops are not acceptable.

Makeup, hair & jewellery

The only permitted jewellery is a watch, a small single stud per ear and a plain signet ring.

Uniform is formal and as such students **must not wear or appear** to have:

- Extreme or excessive make-up, false eyelashes.
- Nail varnish, false nails, acrylic and gel nail tips and extensions.
- Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, charity bands.
- Facial studs, tongue piercings, body piercing and exaggerated, decorative flesh tubes (including clear tubes, studs and retainers).
- Extreme hair colour, style or cut. Length of hair to be no shorter than a grade 2.
- Large hair accessories.
- Visible Henna, including 'black henna' or 'neutral henna' tattoos.

Behaviour for Learning

We expect that the teacher in each classroom will be able to offer equal amounts of support and understanding to students in every lesson. This includes challenging poor behaviour in the classroom. Students will always be given opportunities to reflect and change their behaviour within the lesson. The majority of our students will welcome this chance and act swiftly to get back on track and remain in the classroom.

Those students, who continue to disrupt the learning environment for others, will need to leave the classroom out of respect for the learners and teacher and attend our internal bridging room. The student will take part in a restorative conversation at the earliest opportunity with the member of staff. The restorative conversation gives an opportunity to the two people between whom the bonds of respect and cooperation have broken to repair that damage.

We recognise that the extremely high expectations for behaviour for learning, can take some time to adjust to. Therefore, we will be operating a phased-in approach with our new Year 7 students.

From September, the school will be introducing daily after school detentions for any student who receives an internal bridging. The detentions will run from 3.15 – 3.45pm. The school will also be using a senior member of staff for after school detention on a Friday (3.15 – 4.15pm) for students who:

- Receive two or more internal bridging's in a week;
- Receive two or more punctuality warnings;
- Receive two or more 'late to school' marks;
- Repeatedly fail to complete home learning.

In all instances above, parents will be notified on the day. It will be the responsibility of the parents to arrange alternative transport.

We once again thank you all for your continued support and patience. We want your child to be safe, happy and successful when they arrive back with us. We are very much looking forward to seeing all students back on 10 September.

Best wishes



Dan Vile
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