

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re. Uniform Expectations and Pastoral Team Changes, Summer Term

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with our Positive Behaviour and Top Class Student systems. These underpin our desire to uphold high standards of academia, self-respect and behaviour across our school community.

As you are aware over the course of this half term, we have placed a particular emphasis on checking that students are meeting our uniform expectations consistently, and moving forward into the Summer Term we are keen to ensure our community's non-negotiable high standards continue to be followed.

Please continue to support us in the drive to raising standards, by ensuring your child is ready to start the next half term on Tuesday 16th April, with the correct uniform and equipment detailed below. Should you require any assistance with meeting these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact a representative from your child's pastoral team.

### Uniform Expectations

Students have been provided with a **reminder of our uniform expectations**, with a particular focus being placed on:

- **plain black footwear** no coloured stitching, laces, logos or soles
- **plain black socks** to be worn under trousers. Students will be asked to remove coloured or fluffy socks
- **piercings** - students are permitted to wear **one stud** in each ear lobe. Additional piercings, such as nose piercings **cannot be worn** and will be asked to be removed
- **plain black trousers** (cords, jeans, leggings or fashion trousers are not acceptable) - students are not permitted to wear tracksuit bottoms or additional trousers or shorts under their school trousers
- **Plain black skirt** which is knee length or just below is allowed. Tight fitting, lycra or skirts with splits are not acceptable
- **Make-up including acrylic nails, coloured nail polish and false eyelashes** must not be worn.

## **Equipment Expectations:**

Students should be **fully equipped for school every day.**

- Every student is expected to bring with them the following basic items of equipment for every lesson every day:
  - Black or blue ballpoint pen (and a spare)
  - Purple ballpoint pen
  - Pencil
  - Coloured pencils/Fine fibre tip pens
  - Pencil eraser
  - Pencil sharpener
  - 30cm ruler
  - Scientific calculator (as provided by Stopsley High School)
  - Sensible bag, large enough to comfortably fit A4 books and equipment.

## **Student Movement Expectations:**

Students should follow the clearly signposted **one way system** at all times. Whilst in corridors they should walk **on the left**.

During break and lunchtimes students should only access the **dining room** and the outside area **around the MUGA**. These are the allocated spaces where they can eat and must place all rubbish in the bins provided.

## **Mobile phones:**

**Mobile phones must be turned off and stored in the student's bag** before entering the school gates. If a mobile phone is seen it will be confiscated immediately. **Students within years 7, 8 and 9 must hand their phone to their tutor daily in the Summer Term.**

## **Outdoor Clothing:**

Outdoor clothing items cannot be worn in the building. **This includes at the start and the end of the school day.**

## **Punctuality to school and lessons**

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life such as the world of work.

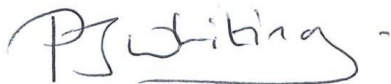
All students are expected to arrive punctually for school in the morning which begins at 8:40am and to arrive punctually for each lesson throughout the day. A register is taken at the start of the day and during each lesson. Students arriving late are recorded as this on the register, along with how many minutes late they are. Should a student arrive later than 10 minutes to a lesson this will be classed as truanting, resulting in a student sitting a 50 minute detention at the end of the school day.

On our return from the Easter break, both Miss Arkison and Miss Fray will be moving onto pastures new, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck in their new endeavours.

The pastoral team and I look forward to welcoming your child back into our community on **Tuesday 16th April**; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact a member of your child's pastoral team, using the updated contact points below:

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Yours sincerely,



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