

17th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Looking forward to the new school year

Another busy school year comes to a close on Friday 19th July at 12:30 and in the summer edition of The Swan, you will see and read a summary of the many activities your children have been involved in this year; it is truly astonishing to see the wide variety of events that take place and how lucky we are to have so many talented students.

We expect students to return to school in full uniform the guidelines on which can be found overleaf. I would ask all of you to support us in ensuring that the guidelines are adhered to at all times. I am especially concerned to see increased use of hoodies and sweatshirts, skinny trousers and excessive make-up and jewellery. Consequences for not adhering to the code are made clear to students and are available on our website and in our Behaviour Policy. We want all our students to look their best and take pride in wearing the school uniform. I know that many of you will be purchasing new uniform items over the coming weeks, and these can be sourced from our supplier, Uniformity Clothing Limited.

Can I also clarify the legal requirements around attendance and in particular, the request for leave during school time. The Supreme Court ruling in 2017, makes very clear the responsibilities on all of us in this matter: parents/carers have no entitlement to remove their children from school for any leisure activities, including holidays, during any part of the school term and schools will not authorise absence requests for holidays in term time. If a student takes an unauthorised leave of absence for a holiday in term time, the school will follow the current statutory legislation which may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued against each parent/carer of the child.

Last week, one of our students was knocked from his cycle whilst leaving school at the end of the day. He was extremely fortunate not to have suffered major injuries, and once again, this brings home to us, the dangers on our roads. That danger is sometimes magnified by the behaviour of a number of our cyclists who, at times, have quite a reckless disregard for the rules of the road and the safety of themselves and others. I would urge the parents/carers of all cyclists to speak to their children about the need to show respect to fellow road users, and ensure their own safety.

Finally, as students in Year 11 and Year 13 await their examination results, a reminder that A-level results will be available on Thursday 15th August and GCSE results on Thursday 22nd August. Specific timings of results days are available on the school website. I wish the very best of luck to all our students who will be receiving their results and send them my good wishes for the future.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all students back, safe and sound on Tuesday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely

D P Jones

Deputy Headteacher

School Uniform Guidelines

All students in Years 7-11 should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We ask all parents/carers for their support of the school uniform guidelines. Students arriving at school in unacceptable attire, may be asked to remove the item, placed in isolation or sent home to get changed. We hold a supply of replacement items into which students may be asked to change. If your child finds it necessary to deviate from uniform regulations, then for KS3, a note must be written for the attention of the Form Tutor in their planner on that particular day. For KS4, a message left, or emailed to the Form Tutor.

Trousers	Smart, tailored, plain black school trousers of waist height and ankle length. (No jeans, chinos, hipsters, skinny-fit, leg pockets, hiking/walking trousers).		
Skirts	Smart, plain black skirt of knee length – no more than 5cm above or below the knee. Should be worn with black opaque tights or plain black or white socks. (No splits, tiered or tight/bodycon skirts).		
Shirts	White, stiff-collared shirt buttoned up, that can be tucked in, (no tightly fitting blouses). Should always be worn with the school clip-on tie.		
	School-crested polo shirt during the summer term . (Students should not wear coloured or lettered undergarments, which may be visible through their collared or polo shirts).		
Shoes	All black footwear with a sensible heel, with no logos or white stripes (No boots, flipflops, sandals or hiking/walking shoes).		
Jumpers	School-crested navy blue jumper. (No cardigans, hooded sweatshirts or tops of sweatshirt material – neither are these acceptable substitutes for an outdoor coat).		
Make-up	Make-up/nail polish should not be worn by students in Years 7 - 9. Light make-up/nail polish may be worn in Years 10 -11. (Students wearing excessively heavy make-up or brightly coloured nail-varnish will be asked to remove it). Hair should be of natural colouring with no extreme gradings.		
Jewellery	On the grounds of health and safety, we do not allow students to wear jewellery, with the exception of ear-studs/sleepers and a wrist-watch.		
Bags	Bags should be large enough to hold files, textbooks and equipment.		

All uniform and personal items should be clearly named.

Uniform will be checked daily by Form Tutors and Subject Teachers to maintain high standards.

Students are advised not to bring valuable items into school.

Timings of the School Day

The school operates a 5×60 minute lesson day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, there will be 4×60 minute lessons.

Time		Duration (mins)
By 08:40	Students should be on site	
08:45	Register taken	
08:50 - 09:50	Lesson 1	60
09:55 – 10:55	Lesson 2	60
10:55 – 11:15	Break	20
11:15 – 12:15	Lesson 3	60
12:15 – 12:30	Registration for Years 9, 10, 11, 13	15
12:30 – 13:20	Lunch time for Years 9, 10, 11, 13	50
12:15 – 13:05	Lunch time for Years 7, 8, 12	50
13:05 – 13:20	Registration for Years 7, 8, 12	15
13:20 – 14:20	Lesson 4	60
14:25 – 15:25	Lesson 5	60

- On Wednesdays, formal lessons will end at 14:20 to allow time for staff development, extra-curricular sport, music, support lessons and extension work.
- We operate a split lunch between 12:15 and 13:20. Staff and students have a lunchtime of 50 minutes and Tutor time of 20 minutes, split over Year groups as shown above.
- The school office closes at **16:00** Monday to Friday during term time and is open **09:00 12:00** during school holidays.