

## Academy Expectations – Equipment and Uniform

26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

With the new school year now in full swing, it has become apparent that a small number of students are not fully equipped to learn. Below is a reminder from section 10 of the expectations policy which fully outlines uniform and equipment expectations:

### **Uniform and Equipment Expectations**

Having the correct equipment is essential to ensure there are no disruptions to your child's learning. Therefore, the following equipment is non-negotiable:

- Bag (suitable to carry A4 sized books)
- Pencil Case
- Black/Blue Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Highlighter
- Glue Stick and Purple Pen (desirable but not essential)
- Knowledge Organiser (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Failure to arrive equipped on multiple occasions will result in a sanction. Please note, students may use their Classcharts points to buy a fully equipped pencil case from the Rewards Shop.

### **Knowledge Organisers (Years 7, 8 and 9)**

Your child will be provided a Knowledge Organiser every term. These include all the essential knowledge, vocabulary and assessment objectives for every subject. They also support home learning and practice in class. Your child must have these with them in school every day as part of their equipment. As these are expensive to produce, we will not be able to reissue any lost Knowledge Organisers so all replacements will incur a cost of £7. We will text you on the day these are given out to students so that you are aware.



- Blazers and Jumpers must have the Academy logo and be purchased from an official supplier.
- Blazers and/or Jumpers must be worn on the corridors and in social spaces at all times unless adaptations are communicated for adverse weather conditions, e.g. **summer adaptations as per the policy**. When working in the classroom or subject area, the blazer and/or jumper may be removed.
- The allocated tie must be worn at all times with an appropriate white Academy shirt or blouse (NO polo shirts). Ties may be removed for physical and practical activities or when instructed by the academy, e.g. during hot weather.



Blazer

Jumper

- All uniform items should have the student's name on the inside label to support returning lost property.
- Rain jackets/outdoor coats must be removed on entry to the Academy building.
- No pin badges are allowed, with the exception of the Academy badges, e.g. Reward, SSLT sub-group, Voice 21, Anti Bullying, Youth Council and Duke of Edinburgh badges.
- Religious and cultural headwear is welcomed as part of our uniform. However, it must not impede on the school badge, tie or the students face, and it must be in keeping with our professional attire.
- All fashion accessories such as necklaces, large belts, bangles, bracelets, hats/caps and scarves are not permitted in view whilst in the academy.
- Earrings and rings can be worn but must be modest and suitable to carry out daily activities safely.
- Nails must be of a length to carry out daily activities safely e.g. taking part in PE lessons, Food Tech etc.
- Students may choose to dye their hair. We also adhere to the Halo code, meaning all students have the freedom and security to wear afro-hairstyles without restriction or judgement.
- Smart Black Trousers or a smart black skirt must be worn. NOT jeans, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, shorts or culottes. No tracksuit bottoms or shorts with pockets are allowed to be worn under school trousers. For detailed explanation on what is permitted see the expectations policy or contact the Head of Year



- Black full practical shoes, pumps or trainers with limited modifications and no visible logos (this will be at the discretion of the Pastoral Team). For detailed explanation on what is permitted see the expectations policy or contact the Head of Year.



Any student not adhering to the above expectations may incur a sanction and will be loaned correct items for the day. Any loss or damage of these items by the student, will be charged to the parent/carer, payable through Parent Pay.

In addition to sanctions already in place for uniform and equipment, the following will be added:

- No Tie or out of Academy uniform - Items loaned and social time sanction given
- No bag and/or no equipment - Items loaned and social time sanction given
- No Knowledge Organiser – Item loaned and sanction given
- Persistent instances of the above will be monitored by Heads of Year and will incur further sanctions.
- Loaned items lost or not returned will be charged as per below:

Trousers: £10

Shirt: £5

Full equipment pack: £5

Skirt: £10

Jumper: £15

Bag: £10

Shoes: £15

Tie: £6

Knowledge Organiser: £7

If there is a valid one-off reason for a student being unequipped or out of uniform, please contact the head of year directly via email or call the office otherwise the usual sanctions will apply. For further information about other Academy expectations, please refer to the Expectations Policy.

Yours faithfully,



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