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Dear Parent/Carer

As this year comes to an end, I wanted to write to you about September, our expectations of the students for the new year and what you can expect from us.

Teaching & Learning

We have been working hard this year on developing a very carefully considered curriculum that makes sure we meet the needs of the students in the new world of terminal exams. We recognise the pressure this brings to bear on young people and our focus is to deliver lessons that provide the best possible preparation. Our new curricula is focused on; deep knowledge built over time, growing confidence in the long term and developing expertise and skills that allow every young person to show off the very best they can do. Lessons might feel a little different next year at times, but we expect every student to benefit from the coherent and joined up approach to learning the skills and knowledge they need to be successful later in their school careers.

We will also be looking very closely at how we share information with you about your child's progress. The information you receive should be as useful and informative as possible. We will be approaching some parents next year to find out more about what format and language would best help us do that so please keep an eye out for an invitation to be part of that group.

Next year

We are delighted to announce that the number of applications for places in Year 7 has risen by 25% over the last four years. We look forward to receiving around 200 new students to the school in September. The new students have been with us for a full induction experience and it was a lovely surprise to find one of our "new" year seven's taking their family around the school on a guided tour at induction evening

As always, we will lose some staff and students who move on to new adventures. However, we are delighted by the quality of the new staff we have recruited for September and we are fully staffed with high-quality subject specialists. Our new colleagues bring a lovely mix of new ideas and experience and the students will undoubtedly be benefit as a result.

Standards



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We believe that by having the highest expectations and standards for our young people, they learn more effectively and that they will achieve more as a result. This is reflected in much that we do, from what we see as acceptable conduct around school and in the local community to our expectations for school uniform. We enforce our rules consistently and fairly and expect the students to respond appropriately.

- We know that you will be thinking about buying new uniform and kit for September and it seems a good time to remind you about the uniform code. A full copy is attached to this letter and it is relatively unchanged from previous years.
- Please do not allow your child to convince you that we will not enforce certain aspects of the code - we will.
- If a student attends school with incorrect uniform, additional piercings, brightly coloured hair etc, they will be challenged and we will expect it to be quickly corrected and if necessary they will be sent home to put it right. Please support us with this and if you are unsure if an item meets the uniform standards please check the guidance on the website.
- The school remains a mobile phone free zone between 8.50am-3.20pm. If a student uses their phone it will be confiscated until the end of the day. It will be necessary for a parent, or another responsible adult nominated by parents, to come and collect it if this happens on more than one occasion. Whilst we understand this can be inconvenient, it is important that students know we will not deviate from this procedure for any reason.

Over the summer

It is with the best of intentions that I feel I need to mention a potentially difficult issue without causing unnecessary alarm. Over recent months we have been working very closely with other schools, the police, social care and other outside agencies to tackle a growing problem during evenings and weekends of anti-social and potentially dangerous behaviour involving young people in the community. The issues are complex, and I can reassure you that everyone is working together to tackle them.

Our school is a safe place and we work hard to keep outside influences exactly that and we will always deal swiftly and robustly with those who won't respect those boundaries to make sure it stays that way. But, we want our young people to keep themselves safe all the time. We know our families care deeply about their children so can I please ask you to be extra vigilant about where your children are when they are out and about. If in doubt, please challenge them about where they are and what they are doing if something doesn't feel right. Helping them make the right decisions not to put themselves at risk will play a major part in supporting them in the long term.

We will talk with you more in the autumn about the work we are doing with others in the local area and how you can play your part.

End of term

School will close for the summer on Friday 19th at 12.30pm to students. We can put supervision in place for the small number of children who may not be able to take advantage of the early finish. If this applies please contact Sandi Flint so we know who to expect on the day. Please see below details for those students who may need to get buses.

I thank you very much for your support during a very busy year and wish you all a truly enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Yates
Headteacher

Bus details for last day of term

- **Peak Dale, Peak Forest, Sparrow Pit, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley, Buxworth and Whaley Bridge:**
students can travel on High Peak Service 190, which leaves the Market Place at 1.35pm.
- **Dove Holes, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge:**
students can travel on the High Peak 199, which leaves the Market Place at 1pm.
- **Brierlow Bar, Sterndale Moor, Pomeroy and Newhaven:**
students can travel on High Peak service 441, which leaves the Market Place at 1.18pm.
- **Earl Sterndale, Longnor and Hartington:**
students can travel on High Peak service 442, which leaves the Market Place at 2.28pm.

Instructions for the first day back Wednesday 4th September 2019

- Year 7 come in for 8.50am and report to their form rooms.
- Year 8–Year 11 come in at 9.45am and report to their form rooms.
- Year 12 to report to the Gothic Hall at 8.40am.
- Year 13 to report to the Study Centre at 8.50am.

Our School Uniform is

- Black blazer with school logo (purchased only from Trutex or MyClothing.com). Only school badges allowed on lapel.
- Plain white shirt with a pointed collar (not tight fitting blouse) buttoned to the top and must be worn tucked into trousers/skirt.
- School clip on tie — purchase from school via ParentPay
- All black trousers or skirt (skirt must be knee length). Trousers and skirts must be plain black, made of school uniform type material only (not denim, canvas, cord, linen, or leather). Leggings/legging type trousers and jean-type trousers with patch pockets are not allowed.
- Shoes should be leather or leather look, polishable all black, flat, sensible school shoes, not canvas or other materials, no boots or sports trainers. There should be no logos.
- Socks should be plain black or white. Tights should be black.

Optional:

- A plain, all black V-neck, knitted school jumper may be worn under the blazer (no logos). The jumper must not be worn instead of the blazer. No sweatshirts.
- A belt, if required, should be thin, plain black with a plain buckle.

Not allowed:

- Coats, scarves, hats or gloves should not be worn inside the building.
- Jewellery or piercings are limited to a watch and one small stud in each ear.
- Jewellery cannot be worn at all for PE (Derbyshire County Council Policy for schools).
- Ear stretchers cannot be worn, for health and safety reasons.
- Any makeup and/or nail varnish must look natural.
- There should be no extreme hair styles, eg patterns shaved into the head; vivid hair dye.

The blazer is available from the Trutex and More store in Macclesfield, on-line from Trutex and from MyClothing.com. The tie is available from school only (purchase via ParentPay). Only the official school blazer and tie will be allowed.

PE Kit

Boys and girls have the same PE kit:

- BCS badged navy blue polo shirt
- BCS badged navy blue zip up hooded top
- Navy blue elasticated waist sport shorts
- Plain white football socks for outdoors
- Plain white short socks or trainer socks for indoors

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