

Dear Parent / Carer

Improving the 'Climate for Learning' for all our students is a priority for the school. Several key changes to our behaviour policy will be in place from the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### Mobile Phones & Associated Smart Watches

Mobile phones have become a major distraction to the students around school and disrupt learning. Therefore, we are **banning mobile phones** within the school grounds. We suggest that your child does not bring a mobile phone to school but if they need to it should be **turned off and out of sight**. Failure to comply will result in the phone being confiscated for the day and returned to your child at 2.45pm. In the unlikely event of a repeat offense the phone will be confiscated for an extended period. Refusal to hand over the phone will result in either a detention, isolation or fixed-term exclusion. If a student wishes to make contact home, they should go to their Head of Year office where they will be assisted.

### Uniform

A smart appearance establishes and reinforces high expectations of students that supports effective learning and ultimately high achievement. **Correct school uniform must be worn**, Blazer, (optional jumper), white shirt and school tie, black trousers (no leggings, jeans or trousers made of an elasticated material) and logo free **black leather shoes**. Students can wear a wrist watch and 1 plain stud in each ear, additional jewellery is not permitted. Students will be expected to remove hats, coats, and any other non-uniform items before entering the building. **Only school uniform will be worn inside the building**, coats are obviously allowed to be worn outside at break and lunch time. Students will be given a friendly reminder regarding uniform standards throughout the day. Refusal to adhere to high standards of dress will result in either a detention, isolation or fixed-term exclusion. If any of the items are incorrect or missing they will be directed to the 'student hub' to borrow an item until 2:30pm.

### One-Way System

Due to the narrow nature of some of our corridors, and to keep a smooth flow of student traffic **a new one-way system around the corridors will be introduced on A, B, C, D, E Floors**. This will reduce congestion and ensure the safety of our students as they move around the building. The system will be highly visible and indicated by arrows around the school. Students who do not use the one-way system will be issued with a detention, isolation or fixed-term exclusion.

### School Planner and Equipment

It is very important that students are properly equipped for the school day and it is essential that they have their school planner. Students that do not have a planner with them will be given a 30-minute detention that day. Any student that has lost a planner will need to visit the "student hub" and they will be issued with a paper planner for the remainder of the academic year.

### Punctuality to School

Punctuality is very important and therefore we will continue to give students a 30-minute late detention on the same day as they are late. Lessons start at 8.20am, therefore we expect students to be on the school grounds by 8.15am. Please help your son/daughter by planning your journey times to avoid arriving late.

We are confident that most of our students will not be affected by the measures detailed above. We have a rewards system in school that enable students to purchase items on the Vivo system and we are offering a "Big Trip" at the end of the academic year for students in Years 7 – 10, and a Prom and Blackpool trip for our Year 11 students. Attendance prize draws will continue to take place and numerous visits and sporting activities take place. Our student Sports Leaders are a credit to the school as are most of our students. However, for those students that sometimes fail to meet our expectations the sanctions mentioned above will be implemented. Could we ask you to support our efforts to improve our climate for learning by ensuring that your son/daughter adheres fully to these new and existing school rules.

Yours sincerely,

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