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Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform

As we approach the Half Term break, it is a good time to highlight key school routines and expectations. Appropriate uniform, excellent attendance and punctuality are our absolute basics in school which allow students to focus on learning and to make progress. Please find good examples in the images.

Punctuality

Of course, it is crucial to start the day well, and arriving in good time is key to a settled and organised start. It is expected that students should arrive on site by 8.30 as the first bell sounds. Any students arriving after the second bell at 8.38 are late and will serve a lunchtime detention the same day. Persistent lateness is dealt with by a detention after school. This is particularly important if you drop your child at school as traffic can be heavy at times.

Attendance

There is a strong link between excellent attendance and academic success. It is important to note that a student with a 95% attendance record has actually missed 10 days (2 weeks) of school. Although 95% sounds very good, that 5% has a significant negative impact on learning. 90% attendance equates to 4 weeks missed. Of course, illness cannot be prevented, but we must strive for as high an attendance figure as possible.

Skirts

As of September, skirts must be tailored with pleats and no shorter than 2cm above the knee with no fashion detailing such as pockets, patches or zips; they should not cling to the body or ride up whilst walking. Skater style skirts and stretch legging style or materials are not appropriate. A suitable style is available from RAM Leisure on our kit list in a range of sizes.



Trousers

Trousers must be smart school style only. Trousers must not be skin-tight below the knee, hipster style or legging style. Material must not be cord, denim, stretch legging style or canvas or jean style cotton and should not contain cargo pockets, jeans style rivets or logo labels (e.g. a red label on the back). A suitable style is available from RAM Leisure on our kit list in a range of sizes.



Shoes

Shoes (or boots worn under trousers only) must be plain black leather style not canvas, in any sensible style with a maximum of 2cm heel. Footwear must not have coloured flashes in any part of the shoe. Trainers or canvas style pumps are not permitted. Boots are not permitted with skirts. **Shoes must not carry any logos; including 'Converse' and 'Vans'.**



Coats

Plain coats without patterns, logos or slogans may be worn. Tracksuit tops and Hoodies (either over the head or zip up) are not allowed as outdoor coats. **All coats must be water resistant.**

Of course, it is important that we continue to work together on all of our basic standards as a school community. On Tuesday 2nd June members of the school Leadership Group and Pastoral staff will be available for a chat over tea/coffee between 6.00pm-6.30pm in the Training School. We would be delighted to talk with you if you have any queries about getting your child ready for the new half term and beyond.

Moreover, RAM Leisure will be available in school Monday 1st July 2015 between 5.30-6.30pm for you to purchase uniform. This includes skirts, trousers, jumpers, shirts and ties.

Thank you for your on-going support with all of these matters.

Yours faithfully

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