



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the very recent turn in the weather, and signs that we may finally be approaching summer, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone in our community of our key expectations around the warmer weather. All students are expected to have all items of uniform with them every day. If the classrooms are warm, they will be allowed to remove their blazers at the discretion of staff. If the weather becomes very warm for a sustained period of time, we may make a decision as a school to allow students to not wear ties and blazers, and this will be communicated to all parents via Edulink. Those wearing skirts should continue to wear opaque black tights until May half term, as explained in the uniform policy.

All students taking examinations are expected to be in full uniform, or in the case of the Sixth Form dressed in line with the dress code.

Last year, a number of students requested we consider shorts as a summer option for our uniform. Mr Edwards has thoroughly investigated the possibility of this, but we are yet to find anywhere that can supply tailored, formal shorts in sizes that would suit all of our students. Therefore, we are still unable to put this in place, and will expect full length trousers to be worn throughout the summer term.

As we head into the summer, students are reminded that our expectations of kindness and respect remain in place. We do not expect students to bring prohibited items such as water pistols or water balloons in to school, as the use of these creates disruption to break times and to learning and can leave students feeling uncomfortable for their lessons. Any such items will be confiscated to ensure our environment is calm and respectful.

Finally, you may have seen recent coverage in the press of government guidance to schools about mobile phones ([Schools in England given new guidance on stopping phone use - BBC News](#)). We would like to remind all students and families that mobile phones are not permitted to be used on school site. If students need to bring phones in to school, they should be switched off and in their bag during the school day. If a student needs to contact home during the day, they should go to SAFE or Reception and ask to make the call from there. If at any time any parent needs to get in contact with a student during the school day, please do contact Reception directly and we will be able to get a message to them or facilitate them getting in touch. As per the school mobile phone policy, any phone seen during the school day will be confiscated and students will be able to collect it from Reception after 3pm.

Thank you for your support in our implementation of these important parts of our school policies that help keep our community positive and focused.

Yours sincerely,

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