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Date 20.10.17

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very busy half term. I have really enjoyed getting to know the people at Red House. As I walk around the Academy I observe young people getting involved in lessons and making great progress, really enjoying their learning. As an academy we strive to make sure that all children are making fantastic progress with their learning and we have made great strides towards delivering that this term. I am very aware that we work in partnership with parents and appreciate the support you have given the academy over the half term. I would ask that you continue to give us your full support over the coming months as we continue on our journey to make sure that all young people achieve the qualifications they need to have the life/career of their dreams.

A couple of reminders with regard to uniform

Boys and Girls – all years

Compulsory uniform:

- Blazer with badge – order from Reception asap
- White shirts – formal collar which fastens to the neck
- School tie – order from Reception
- Grey trousers – These need to be 'school trousers' with a normal fit; **please note 'skinny fit,' leggings, jeggings, denim etc. are NOT acceptable.** We can assist if you have problems buying certain sizes as our school uniform provider can source all sizes and orders can be placed with Reception
- V-neck black jumpers/tank tops are optional
- Shoes – all black, no 'flashes,' logos or coloured threads, laces or bands.
- Black socks
- PE KIT – black shorts, grey polo shirt, a black tracksuit is optional

Jewellery/Make-up/Hair

- No make up to be worn. Students will be asked to remove make up before they enter the Academy.
- No false nails, no coloured varnish and no acrylic/plastic extensions or jewelled adornments. Students will be asked to remove these before entry to the Academy.
- Hair – natural colours only and no inappropriate styles (we reserve the right to judge each individual case).
- No jewellery to be worn with the exception of a wrist watch (not a smart watch). All jewellery items must be removed before entry to the Academy.
- Jewellery not removed prior to entry will be confiscated and a parent/carers will be required to collect it.

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Students need to be at school for 8.25am so that lessons can start promptly at 8.30am and no learning time is lost.

Our student leadership team have asked that I consider changing the uniform so that black trousers are worn not grey. I am at the moment considering it. However, for now the uniform remains grey trousers. I will write to parents if a decision is taken to change to black. I would ask that parents make sure the trousers are suitable for school not skinny or leggings.

We ask that all students bring a bag to school. We have provided every student with a pencil case containing basic equipment and after half term will give them a new planner. Also students should have a reading book with them at all times. It has been proven that reading is essential for exam success. A child who reads every day will normally have much better grammar and punctuation skills than a child who does not read or only reads a little. These skills are important for all GCSE examination papers.

Parents Evening will be slightly different this year:

Dates 16th November 2017 3.30pm – 6.30pm

 8th March 2018 3.30pm – 6.30pm

 14th June 2018 3.30pm – 6.30pm

All three will be for all year groups. If a teacher especially wants to see you, an appointment will be made for you and you will be contacted. All teachers will be available to see any parents on any of the three evenings.

The reasoning behind the change is to make sure we see parents where we have concerns regarding progress and to give parents an opportunity each term to consult with teachers.

On Friday 10th November we will be hosting our annual remembrance service in memory of the soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. In order to make the service relevant to our school community we are asking if anyone has any family members who have lost their lives during active service since WW1. If this does apply to you, please can you send to Mrs N Carson the following information into school so that we can honour the fallen during the service, Name of the Soldier, Date of Death, Information on where they served.

If you have changed address or mobile/home telephone number before the summer break could you please contact the Academy with the new information so we can update our records.

I wish you all a good half term break

Yours sincerely



Mrs Joan Kennedy

Principal

USE OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

From time to time students may have their photograph taken within the Academy or at events and these are used on our website, newsletter, promotional material, local press and twitter.

- I agree to photographs of my son/daughter being used internally and externally.
- I disagree to photographs of my son/daughter being used internally and externally.

Signed Parent/Carer

Student Name

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