

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we find our way towards the end of term, we look forward to welcoming a number of Year 8 and Year 9 parents to our termly ERA assemblies. In what has been a busy term, this will be a great way for us to celebrate the achievements of the cohorts and a reminder to spend the Christmas holidays enjoying time with friends and family.

In school, our attention this week has also started to turn towards welcoming our students back, with term commencing on Tuesday 7th January. I'd like to take the opportunity to draw your attention to some key information ready for January.

Equipment

As lessons will start on the first day, please ensure that your child has all the equipment they need to participate fully. This includes a stocked pencil case, PE kit and a fully charged iPad enrolled on the school MDM.

Uniform

A list of our full uniform requirements can be found on our website. The key details are outlined below. The Senior Leadership Team will have the ultimate authority in determining whether uniform items comply with the policy.

- *Blazer* - Bottle green blazer with Bohunt school logo. This should be worn by all students at all times.
- *Polo shirt* - White with green stripe on the collar and cuff, with the Bohunt school logo (Y7, 8 and 11 only).
- *White shirt* - Plain white shirt with collar **with** house tie (compulsory Y9 and Y10; Optional Y11).
- *Jumper* - Black knit V-neck jumper (optional). Sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen on the school site.
- *Skirt* - Black pleated skirt with Bohunt logo. Unrolled.
- *Socks* - Plain black or grey. **Not white. No leg warmers.**
- *Shoes* - Plain black formal leather shoes. No sports branded / style shoes, no trainers, no boots.
- *Make up* - This should be discrete; neutral colours only. Acrylic/False nails are not permitted. Nails should be of an appropriate length to participate in lessons. No eyebrow slits.
- *Haircuts* - Extreme styles or non-natural colours are not permitted (e.g. tram lines or patterns - grade 2+ only permitted).
- *Jewellery* - One small plain ring. No more than one small matching stud in each earlobe. Earrings must be removed for PE and STEM. No other piercings are allowed. No visible chains, necklaces, ankle or face jewellery.

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- Coats - In an amendment, students will be permitted to wear their coats and a scarf in the school building. This must be over their blazer. These **must** be removed by the time the student arrives at their lesson or learning space.

This policy will apply from their first day in January so I ask families to pay particular attention to rules around haircuts, jewellery and nails. We will be checking uniforms and we expect students to meet our high expectations. In the unlikely event they are unable to, we will use the school policy accordingly. Therefore, if there is a legitimate reason why your child is unable to attend in full uniform, please notify their tutor before the start of term so we can work with you to rectify this swiftly.

When students are in our uniform, we expect them to uphold our ethos of Enjoy Respect Achieve. We take pride in the way we present ourselves in our community and appreciate your support in ensuring your child understands their part in this, as set out in the Home School Agreement.

One-Way System

The school operates a one-way system at all lesson changeovers. This is to maintain the free-flow of students around the building and ensure that our environment is calm and purposeful. The one way system is clearly marked and we will be resharing this with students in January so they have been re-familiarised with the expectations.

Social Time

With the weather getting colder, and wetter, we are aware that a number of students will want to stay within our building. To reduce the health and safety impact of students eating across the school site, we will be reinforcing expectations about the locations in which they can eat which is in the canteen and outside (not the astro). Students will not be allowed to eat in the corridors or in classrooms. Again, we respect our learning environment and want classrooms and corridors to be a pleasant space for all learners throughout the entirety of the school day.

Attendance

Thank you for the support you have shown us in ensuring your child attends school as frequently as possible. Our whole school attendance is currently 94.6%, which is 2.2% above the national average. We know that every family's circumstances are different, so if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please let us know (via studybugs) so we can work with you to provide the best education for your child.

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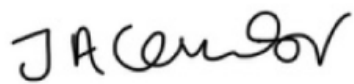
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Co-Curricular

Co-Curricular activities will start from the week commencing Tuesday 7th January. A range of unparalleled opportunities will be available Tuesday to Friday each week, for our students to participate in. Details can be found on our website.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Comber
Headteacher

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