

Friday 4th April

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we find our way towards the end of term, we have enjoyed welcoming our Year 7 and Year 10 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 each game-changing cohort.

In school, our attention this week has also started to turn towards welcoming our students back, with term commencing on Tuesday 22nd April. I'd like to take the opportunity to draw your attention to some key information ready for January.

Sixth Form

Shortly after the Easter break, we will be sharing further details about the Sixth Form build. We recently completed the tender process, meaning that we now have a building firm contracted and diggers will be making their way onto the field (in a considerate way to Year 11 exams!) in the near future. This is a massive step forward in expanding our school to allow students to stay with us, where they are known, until 18 and I look forward to sharing further details with you shortly.

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.

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- *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.
- *Coats* - With the weather now improving, we will return to the corridors being coat-free. Students will be required to wear a blazer.

This policy will apply from their first day back after Easter 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

The nice Summer weather sees a number of students returning to the picnic benches on the field for lunch time, which has been lovely to see over the last week. 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. We will also be asking students to ensure all their litter ends up in the bin. 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 93.7%, which is 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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Phones

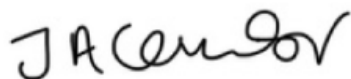
Students are welcome to bring a mobile phone to school, provided it is switched off and placed in their bag from the warning bell in the morning until the end of the school day. This rule extends to headphones. We know that mobile phones provide a distraction to students' time and attention, so we want to ensure they are able to make every minute in school matter. In the event a child is making use of their phone during the school day, we will confiscate it and place it in reception for them to collect at the end of the school day. If this behaviour becomes repetitive, we will ask parents to come and collect the device.

Co-Curricular

Co-Curricular activities will start from the week commencing Tuesday 22nd April. 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 Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all for the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Comber
Headteacher

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