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Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Term Expectations - Important Information for All Parents

As we enter the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some key expectations that help our school maintain its outstanding standards and create the best possible learning environment for all our pupils.

Morning Arrival and Punctuality

We kindly request that **all pupils arrive at school by 8.20am** This ensures that the school day begins in a calm and organised manner. Pupils can meet with their tutor so that they are well prepared for the day and are able to successfully participate in personal development activities as part of their learning experience at school.

Please note that the school gates are closed at 8.27am. If your child is not in school by this time, they are late and will receive a sanction. Please notify your child's head of year if there is any difficulty in your child being at school at this time. Consistent punctuality is essential for establishing good lifelong habits and ensuring no learning time is lost. Please make appropriate arrangements to ensure your child arrives on time each day.

School Uniform

All pupils must arrive in their full and correct school uniform every day, this includes a jumper and blazer. Pupils must not wear their PE on any day they do not have PE. Year 11 pupils should not wear their PE kit on ANY day that they have an examination. If the weather is warm, we will advise pupils and parents of any adaptations to the school uniform, which would only be the removal of the school jumper. All pupils in Year 11 who are taking examinations must be in full school uniform including their blazer and correct footwear.

We welcome donations of new or uniform in good condition that is no longer required, that can be placed in our uniform shop to benefit pupils. The correct uniform helps create a sense of community and equality among our pupils while fostering a positive attitude toward learning.

Water Bottles - Important Change

As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, plastic disposable water bottles are no longer permitted in school. Instead, we ask that all pupils bring water in reusable, recyclable bottles only that are clearly labelled with their name.

Staying hydrated is vital for concentration and learning, especially as we move into warmer weather. Please ensure your child brings adequate water each day in an appropriate container.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards. These expectations help create an environment where all our pupils can thrive academically and personally.

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