

Ref: RR/LK
12th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the academic year 2018/19 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued help and support of the school.

Next academic year we are fully launching our School Gateway app. This will allow all of our families to pay for school meals, trips and other events via a cashless system. This, coupled with the MyED app, will make school communications easier for all. Please ensure you download the apps and check that we have your up to date email addresses and mobile phone number(s) going forward. **I cannot stress enough the importance of school having up to date and accurate contact information in case of an emergency.**

Maintaining the highest standards of uniform is a challenge for all schools and we value the support that we receive from you in upholding our standards. I believe wearing a uniform is an important part of school life as having the proper attire demonstrates the correct attitude to learning. May I draw your attention to aspects of our uniform code that we will continue to enforce from day one:

- Footwear: only black SHOES are permitted. No trainers, boots or trainer style shoes are allowed
- Jewellery: one pair of stud earrings
- Hair: students should have hair of a natural colour as artificial colours are seen as “extreme”. Hair should be in the natural colour range e.g. blonde, brunette, natural red
- Make up: make up and nail varnish are not allowed

Recently, students have been wearing designer items to school that are not appropriate - they are too expensive and not rigorous enough for school wear. Please be mindful when purchasing new items of uniform for your child.

If parents/carers want to donate any items of uniform that are no longer required, we are more than happy to accept them and pass items on free to families that may need them.

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Regarding the end of term, school will close to students on Friday 19th July at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be available for students on a pre-order basis at 12:30 p.m.

Start of term: There are two staff training days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

Year 7 and 11 students ONLY, will return to school on Wednesday 4th September at 8:50 a.m.

The whole school will return on Thursday 5th September at 8:50 a.m.

The school day: Start and end-of-day timings have not been changed – details below.

8:50 - 9:05 a.m.	Registration	15 minutes
9:05 - 10:05 a.m.	Period 1	1 hour
10:05 - 11:05 a.m.	Period 2	1 hour
11:05 - 11:20 a.m.	Break	15 minutes
11:20 - 12:20 p.m.	Period 3	1 hour
12:20 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	40 minutes
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Period 4	1 hour
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Period 5	1 hour

I would like to point out that there will be a specific focus on punctuality to school throughout the year, so please make sure your child arrives in good time for morning registration.

As I write this letter, I am mindful to wish our Year 11 students the best of luck with their GCSE examination results, which will be available for them to collect on Thursday 22nd August from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

The summer break will soon fly by and we will start the academic year 2019/20 with a renewed focus on making the school experience the best it can be for the students and you, their family.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R. Rogers
Principal