

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Overall, students across our Academy are dressing in line with uniform expectations. However, it is always useful to remind ourselves of guidelines and expectations before we enter an extended holiday period so if any aspect of uniform needs addressing there is time to do so in readiness for the new term in January 2020. There will be no changes at this time to our uniform policy which will remain as stated on the reverse of this letter and is available on the Academy website and in the student planner. All staff will, however, be ensuring that policy is consistently and fairly applied across learners and year groups.

I write now, in December, to make sure that you as parents have ample warning and time to support the Academy and ensure your child is correctly dressed. I'm aware that the vast majority of our students are in perfect uniform and arrive to school well-presented and prepared for learning. In particular, please note the guidance on the correct skirt to wear and I also encourage all students to have a weatherproof coat during the winter months rather than a 'hoody' worn underneath the blazer on the journey to/from school.

Our suppliers, Uniform Direct, will be closed for the Christmas period in their shops from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. However, Uniform Direct have assured me that any online orders placed during the time of the shop closure period will still be processed and delivered in time for the start of term in January 2020.

Any queries over the clarity of uniform expectations should be made in December via your child's Head of Year. Where we can provide clarification - we're very happy to do so. Any parent who has concerns about the affordability of uniform should do the same. We wish to support families whenever possible.

I thank parents and students for their on-going commitment and support and wish you a wonderful festive season and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Show on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and Christmas Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Yours sincerely



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