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Dear Parents and carers,

**Re: Behaviour Policy (updates to further enhance learning)**

We would like to inform you of some important updates to our behaviour policy that will have a positive impact on the overall learning environment for our students. These changes were announced to the students during today's assembly and will be officially implemented from Monday 8th January.

Our commitment to providing a safe and conducive learning environment remains unwavering, and these changes are designed to further enhance the good overall behaviour and discipline within the school community.

**Calm entry, calm exit, calm corridors:** Students will now be lining up outside of classrooms before they enter and will then be asked to stand behind their chairs whilst they wait for their next instruction. Additionally, students will then stand behind their chairs at the end of a lesson and will be dismissed row by row. This will lead to calmer behaviour on the corridors as students make their way to their next lesson.

**Clear Expectations:** We have reinforced the importance of having a positive attitude to learning and how we expect students to behave at the start of EVERY lesson. There will be *common language* used by all members of staff, such as; "pens, planners, places". Students are expected to have their equipment ready and be set up to learn. The teacher will then give a clear outline of the lesson.

**Consistent Consequences:** To ensure fairness and consistency, we have updated our approach to consequences for behaviour infractions. This will help reinforce the connection between actions and consequences, promoting responsible decision-making among our students.

**Positive Reinforcement:** Alongside consequences, we are placing an increased emphasis on positive reinforcement. Students will be recognised and rewarded with virtue points for exhibiting exemplary behaviour, contributing to a positive and encouraging atmosphere within the school.

**Communication and Involvement:** We encourage open communication between parents, teachers and students. In the event of behaviour concerns, our staff will promptly call or message to discuss the situation and work collaboratively to find solutions. Planners will now need to be signed weekly by tutors and parents. We value your involvement in your child's education and appreciate your support.

We believe that these changes will contribute to a more focused and positive learning environment, enabling all students to reach their full potential. We kindly request your support in reinforcing these expectations at home and discussing them with your child.





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## Attendance

In line with our commitment to excellence, we emphasise the importance of 100% attendance for all our students. Students and parents should track their attendance using the EduLink App and Page 17 in the school planner. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and ensures that your child gets the most out of their education.

## Uniform Expectations

At the start of the year, we worked especially hard to reinforce our expectations relating to uniform with our students and we very much appreciate parental support in this area. Uniform is a great way to set high expectations and ensure students are focussed on their learning, which we know is what parents and our community want from our school. Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school and that you reinforce our expectations.

### Clarification on uniform expectations:

- Plain black leather/leather-look shoes and no logos.
- Make-up should be applied discreetly, if at all, during school hours.
- Fake tan is not permitted in school and it's essential to avoid applying it close to the return to school date, ensuring a natural and appropriate appearance.
- False or coloured nails and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Jewellery: Small, round gold or silver studs in ears only.
- Piercings (facial & body), rings, bands, necklaces, and bracelets are NOT permitted.
- Logos and brands are NOT permitted on any PE kit items other than the school logos.
- If students wish to wear the skort for PE lessons, they must come to school in leggings or jogging bottoms. They will then be able to change into the skort in the changing rooms at the start of their PE lesson.

Please be aware that failing to comply with the uniform policy will result in a loss of break and lunch until issues are rectified. Students refusing to comply will be treated as defiance and be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office or schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. We appreciate your support in creating an environment that fosters both academic excellence and personal growth.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Wadsworth  
Senior Lead for Behaviour & Attendance