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Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the last 6 weeks of this academic year I write to inform you that I have asked all my staff to join me in making a focus on raising standards and improving behaviour across the academy. I have to this effect held assemblies to all year groups on Monday, 6th June to explain the academy's expectations with regard to behaviour and am asking for your support and understanding.

As you will know the students all attend a 20 minute form period at the start of each day. The main purpose of this time is to register the children and then to ensure that they are prepared for the rest of the day's learning. Consequently this time is key in terms of ensuring that our students are:-

- all in uniform;
- have the correct equipment for their lessons;
- have their planners;
- and that the correct "tone" is set for the rest of the day

To this end I am directing my senior staff, Heads of Houses and Heads of Faculty to visit classes during form time to support the form tutor and ensure consistency across the academy.

When the children arrive for their lessons there will be an expectation that they will arrive fully prepared to learn. That learning will not be prevented because the teacher is asking any child to wear the correct uniform, remove earrings, put their phone away etc., that children arrive with the appropriate equipment and that they sit where they are asked to. It has been explained to all children that any behaviour that prevents learning will not be tolerated.

I have also reminded students of a number of school rules which, in the coming weeks, will be rigorously re-enforced.

- There is a complete ban on chewing gum.
- Mobile phones should be switched off and kept either in the student's bag or their inside blazer pocket. Students are only permitted to use mobile phones before school, after school and during break and lunchtimes. They should not be seen or heard during lessons.
- Drinking in lessons is restricted to water only. In some lessons (e.g. Science and IT) the drinking of water is not allowed.

I have asked staff to confiscate items that the children are not allowed and any items which are being used to disrupt learning. These items will be returned at the end of the school day.

During the assemblies all of this was explained to our students so that they have had time to prepare. In particular, I would ask for your support especially with regard to helping to ensure that all our students have the correct equipment to enable them to start their lessons promptly, (i.e. pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, calculator).

Yours sincerely

K S Walsh
Head Teacher

