

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

With half term arriving today, it is remarkable how quickly this half term has flown by. Some aspects of school life are quite 'front loaded' – there's lots of setup to make sure that the year moves smoothly and positively. The huge majority of our students have been exemplary in doing just – working hard and being nice – and have started the year superbly well.

### **Fireworks and personal safety**

Bonfire night celebrations will begin during the half term break, and shops will be selling fireworks in the run up to this evening. Inspector Lockwood, from the Dewsbury Neighbourhood Policing Team, has written a letter to parents/carers. Please take a read of that letter uploaded to the TCA website.

Students' safety is the most important aspect, and students have been receiving an assembly on this from the fire service throughout the course of today.

### **Rewards event**

As I write, hundreds of our students are enjoying the delights of our first end of half term reward event – the inflatable assault course in the Sports Hall. Whilst it becomes a little sweaty in there throughout the day – as I'm sure you can imagine – it's so wonderful to see students benefitting from being dedicating to working hard and being nice for eight weeks, day in, day out. Well done to all students who have been invited. For those who haven't hit the mark on this occasion, there will be another opportunity in the final week before Christmas!



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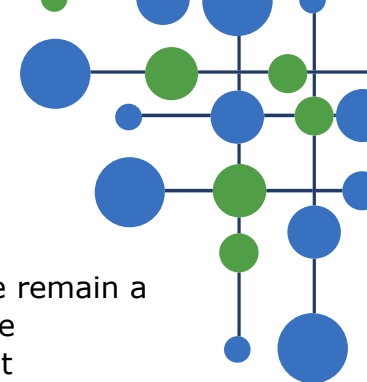


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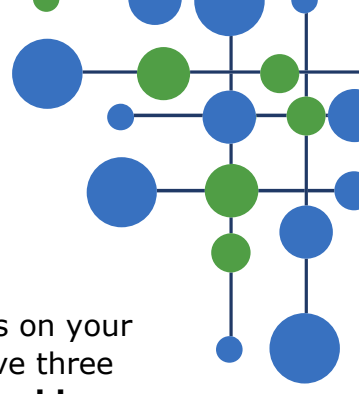


## Uniform

We have seen huge improvements in uniform this half term, but there remain a few minor details that we need to tighten up with. We have shared the information below and it will not change. Uniform expectations are not negotiable, and we will be in touch on the first day back where standards are not met. Please do not allow your child to have any piercings, false nails or eyelashes over the holidays.

Uniform item	Notes
Academy tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available on ParentPay, at TCA or from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury for £5</li></ul>
Academy blazer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury</li><li>• Must be worn on corridors at all times</li></ul>
Black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full length trousers must be worn</li><li>• Not leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit bottoms, jeans or jersey material</li><li>• Not skin-tight fit</li></ul>
Black skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be knee length</li><li>• Not stretchy/jersey material</li><li>• Must be worn with black tights</li></ul>
Black socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be worn if wearing trousers</li></ul>
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not trainers or pumps</li><li>• Converse, Vans or anything made by a sportswear brand are not allowed</li></ul>
Salwar kameez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If the neck is visible, a shirt and tie must be worn</li><li>• Must be black or dark blue with no patterns</li></ul>
School bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essential item – not negotiable</li><li>• Must be big enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment</li></ul>
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One ring</li><li>• One small bracelet</li><li>• One necklace (worn under the shirt)</li></ul>
Make up and piercings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One small stud or sleeper in each ear</li><li>• One small nose stud (not in the septum)</li><li>• No tongue piercings</li><li>• Discreet make up</li><li>• No false nails or false eyelashes</li></ul>

We want to help wherever possible with uniform items for those who need it, so if you're struggling or need any support, do get in touch and ask. Equally, if you want to have clarification about an item which is not on this list, please ask before you buy it.



### **Parent/carer contact details**

Mr MacFaul has been in touch about our new Arbor app, and this relies on your contact details being up to date on our systems. Ideally, we would have three contacts for every student, but we certainly need **at least one email address**, so please do email [Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk) to add details onto our system.

### **Arrival back after half term**

The second half term starts on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Students are expected on site by 8.25am and in registration rooms for an 8.35am start.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Burton**  
Headteacher