

Friday, 10th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Despite the obvious weather issues we have worked through this week, it has been a real pleasure to see students back in the Academy after the Christmas holidays. It was very important that we opened when it was safe to do so, and I am very proud of our site team, staff and students for their hard work in making a challenging week of weather secondary to what is important – working hard and being nice. Thank you to the huge majority of parents, too, for your support in our opening plans, your kind comments about staff efforts, and for parking sensibly outside the front gates.

Plans for next week – Monday, 13th January onwards

The Academy will be open at the normal time on Monday and all students are expected to attend in full uniform, on time. Breakfast Club (free of charge for all) starts at 8am, but all students are expected to be in the building for form time at 8.30am. Conditions of the roads have improved, so both gates will be open – on Glebe Gate and Edge Lane – but students should not enter through the front gate (on Valley Drive) as this is busy with traffic.

Uniform

On Monday, all students must be in full Academy uniform. Below is a table I have shared a number of times, making it clear what our uniform expectations are. Please ensure that your child is ready in their uniform. If they want to come to and from school in trainers, this is fine. However, they must have school shoes to change into when they arrive.

| Uniform item | Notes |
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| Academy tie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available on ParentPay, at TCA or from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury for £5 |
| Academy blazer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury Must be worn on corridors at all times |
| Black trousers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full length trousers must be worn Not leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit bottoms, jeans or jersey material Not skin-tight fit |

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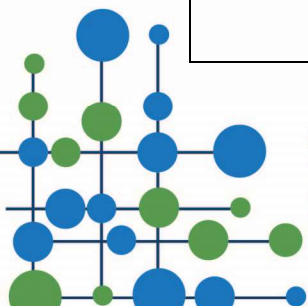
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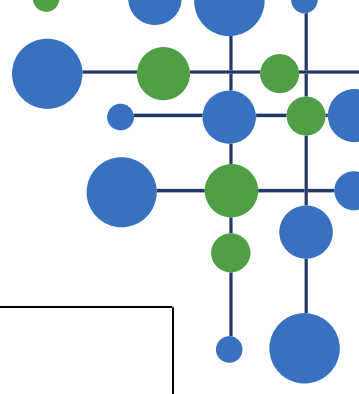
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| Black skirt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be knee length• Not stretchy/jersey material• Must be worn with black tights |
| Black socks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be worn if wearing trousers |
| Black shoes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not trainers or pumps• Converse, Vans or anything made by a sportswear brand are not allowed |
| Salwar kameez | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the neck is visible, a shirt and tie must be worn• Must be black or dark blue with no patterns |
| School bag | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential item – not negotiable• Must be big enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment |
| Jewellery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One ring• One small bracelet• One necklace (worn under the shirt) |
| Make up and piercings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One small stud or sleeper in each ear• One small nose stud (not in the septum)• No tongue piercings• Discreet make up• No false nails or false eyelashes |

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder that year 10 parents' evening is next Thursday (16th January) at TCA between 4pm and 7pm. Information about this has been sent through the Arbor app, where you can also book your appointments. Attendance to this event is important. If you have any problems with this, please let Mr MacFaul know (James.MacFaul@sharemat.co.uk).

A help guide is available at the following link: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203792102-Booking-Guardian-Consultations-Parent-s-Evenings-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

I hope you have a lovely weekend. I look forward to getting back to a 'normal' week, starting on Monday, hopefully without any snow or ice joining us on the way!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Burton
Headteacher