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Dear Parents

I would like to say how well the first couple of days of the term has started and I look forward to the term ahead. It was a pleasure to welcome students back to school looking smart and ready for school. I have held an assembly with all students and reminded them of the attributes linked to the English Martyrs Way.

During August, a 2 day summer school for new Year 7 students and 90 students attended. Regency Camp, who led the summer camp said our students were 'the most polite, respectful students they had worked with'. Well done to all who attended.

Achievements this summer

This summer our students achieved great successes at both GCSE and A Level. 80% of our A Level grades were at grades A*-C and the vast majority of our students have secured places at their first choice universities. We wish all of our Year 13 students well as they leave us to study a wide range of subjects at top universities. 70% of our Year 11 students achieved five or more GCSEs, including English and Maths, at grade 4 or higher. This is significantly above the national average. We are delighted to welcome a large number of students into our Sixth Form as they begin the next phase of their education. We are very proud of all of our students' achievements.

Welcome

We welcome the following members of staff:

Mrs Black, Assistant Principal.

Mrs Carniel, Teaching Assistant.

Ms Clarke, Teacher of PE.

Mr Gallagher, Teacher of RE.

Ms Kousar, Teacher of Computer Science.

Mrs Monger, Teaching Assistant.

Ms Wint, Teacher of Science.

Additionally, the following staff have new responsibilities:

Mrs Cajkler, Assistant Principal, Mrs Robbie, Senior Science Technician and Mrs White, Director of Sixth Form.

Student Planners

Each student has been issued with a new planner for the year. Each family should read the various agreements at the front of the planner and sign these. The planner is specifically created for our school, and it is a very useful tool for learning. It is also expensive and should be looked after carefully. Graffiti is not permitted in the planner. Should a student lose their planner it must be replaced. Planners are reissued at the cost price of £5 from the School Shop.

Uniform and Standards

You will appreciate that at the beginning of the year it is important to set the standards for our community. The behaviour, uniform and dress codes including 'How we wear our uniform' are all set out in the student's planners.

May I draw everyone's attention to several aspects to which we need to return in full.

1. Hair. Our rules are that hair may not be dyed a colour which is not a natural colour. This also applies to extensions.
2. The only permitted ear jewellery is a pair of studs, one in each ear in the bottom lobe. Tattoos and body piercings are not permitted.
3. Hoodies are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.
4. Reminder that phones may not be used during the school day or at break and lunchtime. Phones should not be taken out on the school drive in the vicinity of the school on Anstey Lane.

ID Badges

A reminder we are a year into our ID Badges these are an important part of our safeguarding procedure, every student is issued with a student lanyard. They must display these at all times while on the school site.

Cars on Site

Parents are asked not to bring cars onto the site and to be considerate to neighbours and other road users on Anstey Lane.

Bikes

Students are encouraged to bring bikes to school, but they must be locked up. Students who cycle to school should wear a helmet.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We had great success with our pre-loved uniform last academic year with many parents taking advantage of this provision. If you have any uniform that is too small and in good condition, please could you donate it to the school reception. We open a Pre-loved Uniform Shop once a month, I will confirm dates in the coming weeks.

Parent Pay

EM2 (Bus Service) – if you do not use the EM2 bus service please ignore any reference to the bus service on Parent Pay.

Parents' Information Meetings

The following meetings will be held focussing on a key element of the year for your child's year group.

Please make every effort to attend:

Year 9 Information Evening – Wednesday 11th September 2024, 4.30 – 5.30pm

Year 10 Information Evening – Tuesday 10th September 2024, 4.30 – 5.30pm

Year 11 Futures Event – Thursday 26th September 2024, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Year 12 Information Evening – Thursday 19th September 2024, 4.30 – 5.30pm

Year 8 Options Fair – Thursday 27th February 2025, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Open Evening

Open Evening for Admission to Year 7, 2025 (for students in Year 6) will be on Thursday 3rd October, 5.00 – 6.45pm.

Open Evening for Sixth Form (for students in Year 11) will be on Thursday 17th October, 5.00 – 6.45pm.

With all good wishes to our students for a very successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely



M Calen
Principal