

September 19th 2017

Dear Pupils,

Firstly, welcome back and welcome to our new Year 7 and new Sixth Form pupils. It is good to see you all back safe after the long summer holiday. I hope you and your family had a nice summer and a good rest.

I have met with many of you over the past few weeks and what has stood out is the determination you have to ensure you make the best of the year ahead. When you look back there are always things you think you could have done better but you can't change those things, all you can do is learn from them and make the decision to make improvements or changes now. For those of you who know you have made the best of school so far, just carry on working hard, it will be worth it.

You have a very busy year ahead of you, each year group has its particular focus but you all have to aim to make the best of the opportunities you have to learn, to make good friends and to enjoy your time at school.

Our Pupils who took their GCSE and A level exams last year will tell you how it felt to get good results and to get the rewards for their hard work. The grade is important but it is if you have done your best and not let yourself down that really matters.

You all look very smart in your new uniform and those I have spoken to like the new style, but can I remind you of some of the rules.

Check the uniform rules for shoes, they are quite clear. If you are unsure ask your Progress or Support Manager to explain the rules to you.

No piercings are allowed other than one stud earring in each ear lobe. If you do have piercings elsewhere you will be asked to remove them. You will not be allowed in school if you cannot take them out.

Our school bags are on sale at Pupil Reception, £3 for a designer bag is a bargain! You all need to get one.

You know why you are not allowed to have mobile phones during the school day. You know better than I of the problems mobile phones can cause. Give them in at the start of the day and collect them at the end of the day.

You being safe and happy in school is important to us and to your families, try to remember that you get the best chances and opportunities whilst you are in school, make the most of them.

Respect for all members of our school community is a very important part of the life of our school. Respecting each other's views and opinions is central to being part of a community.

Take **Responsibility** for your own actions, successes and achievements. This also means taking responsibility for our school environment which we need to look after.

Having positive **Relationships** with other pupils, staff and all you meet within our school and within our local community is so important. It does matter how we treat each other and how we help and support each other.

Enjoy the year ahead, be proud and be sure of what you want to achieve and the kind of person you want to be. God gave you all so many talents and gifts, use them well.

Good luck

Ms S Clarke
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