

Achieving individual excellence in a caring community

Dear Students,

We would like to congratulate you for the really positive start you have made to the school year. We have visited many of your lessons over the last two weeks and have been very impressed with the start you have made. We know that returning to school after the long summer holiday can be tiring and that for many of you the hot weather has made this more so and hope you have a relaxing weekend.

We understand that there is a lot to remember and take into consideration at the start of term so want to highlight the following points to ensure there is clarity in our expectations of you:

Uniform

You should now all be wearing full school uniform every day to and from school. This includes wearing a school tie, a blazer and or jumper, a school skirt or black trousers, school shoes (free from logos) and a white shirt. Wearing your PE kit to school or a jacket with no jumper or blazer is not acceptable. If your uniform is not correct your form tutor will issue a daily detention and your parents will be contacted. Repeated failure to follow uniform guide will result in escalating sanctions.

Litter

As a school community we are all responsible to keep the environment clean. There are large numbers of bins around the school site. Please ensure you are using these, especially for food waste. We have allowed you to take food out of the canteen and provided outside food serving points to make your lunch time less stressful, we need your support in ensuring that the site remains clean.

School environment

We have invested a lot of money in making the site safe and attractive for all members of our school community. Can you please treat the school site with respect by not walking in flower beds, particularly as you leave St Marys. There are also a small number of students who are damaging the student toilets - this causes significant additional work for our site team and also reduces the faculties for you all to use.



Conduct around the site

Whilst your behaviour is very good in lessons some of you are less respectful of each other as you move around the site and at social times. Our expectations are that you walk around the site, do not engage in any rough play with each other and use respectful language. Poor behaviour as you move around the site will be sanctioned.

A small number of students are entering toilet cubicles together, this is not acceptable and we consider it a safeguarding concern. As a result if you are found in a toilet cubicle with other students you will receive an internal exclusion.

Banned items

As a reminder - any drugs paraphernalia, including vapes are banned from the school site, if you are found with these there will be significant sanction. Aerosols are also banned from the site as they may lead to allergic reactions for some students.

Yours sincerely

Ms Appleby and Mr Kidd

