



Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust that you and your family have enjoyed the Summer break and are looking forward to returning to school very soon. As we approach the end of the holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations at Meden School and also update you with changes that will take effect from September.

On their first day back in school, all students will be provided with an 'Expectations Card'. The aim of the 'Expectations Card' is to communicate standards of behaviour around the school site. It is our intention to continue to develop the 'Outstanding' ethos we are creating at Meden School and it is vital that all our students arrive calmly to lessons ready to learn. We would ask that you familiarise yourself with the 'Expectations Card' and, in particular, the non-negotiables which are a list of standards that all students must meet.

Students are expected to carry their Expectations Card at all times and be ready to give it to a member of staff if asked, as it forms part of their essential equipment. If a student does lose their Expectations Card, they will be given a new one; however, they will automatically receive an After-School Detention. The card will also act as a visual aid in supporting students to make the right choices regarding their conduct at Meden School. If a student fails to make the 'right choice' four times they will receive a detention as a consequence; this will be detailed on the card.

- Wednesday detention will finish at 4pm.
- Friday detention will finish at 3:10pm.

As a school, it is our intention to support students in making the right decisions. Positive behaviour will be recognised by members of staff and they will sign student's Expectations Cards to acknowledge how the school standards have been met.

In addition, there are also changes to our expectations within lessons. From September, in lesson consequences will stop at a C3. At a C3 students may be asked to leave the classroom, and they will be issued with a 15-minute break detention on the following day regardless of whether they have been asked to leave the classroom or not.

Furthermore, due to the change in the school day, there are also some changes to Main School Isolation.

- Monday to Thursday isolation will finish at 3:30pm
- Friday isolation will finish at 2:40pm (20 minutes later than the rest of the school).

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Whilst it is clear our students take great pride in their appearance in school, in summary our expectations remain that:-

- School shoes should be black and of a formal type, trainers are not permitted.
- The Meden blazer and tie should be worn at all times unless instructed otherwise by a member of staff.
- Hoodies are not to be worn as coats and will be confiscated.
- Trousers should be tailored, full length and not skin tight.
- Skirts should be knee length at all times.
- Only natural hair colours are allowed.
- No facial piercings are allowed (such as; nose piercings, ear bars and tongue bars) including 'clear/see-through' jewellery. Rings are not permitted and only one pair of stud earrings can be worn.
- Subtle make-up can be worn at KS4 (Yrs. 10 & 11) only.
- Helmets to be worn by all students arriving at school on their bikes or scooters, for their own safety. Home will be contacted and students prevented from using bikes if this is not adhered to.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's uniform, please do not hesitate to contact Miss. Hibbert in Student Services, who will be happy to help.

Our expectations regarding the use of mobile phones by students across the site have changed slightly. It is now expected that phones are "silent and invisible." On arrival at school, students should ensure their phone is turned off and placed in their bag or a secure pocket, not their outside blazer pocket. Should you need to contact them during the school day, please contact the school reception staff who will relay any important messages. School will not be held responsible for any loss or damage should students decide to bring mobile phones into school.

The importance of your child attending school on a regular and consistent basis cannot be understated; student's achievement in school is firmly linked to good attendance. We will continue to manage this in line with Government guidance. Any absence should be reported, each day, to the school Attendance Officer on 01623 843517. Guidance on requests for a "leave of absence" can be found on the school website. The importance of punctuality in September, considering the revised school start time, is imperative and your support with this is appreciated; the school day begins promptly at 8:50am.



On their return, we will provide each student with the essential equipment listed below free of charge and we ask that students ensure they bring this with them to every lesson:

- Pencil Case
- Blue/black pen (x2)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Green Pen

I look forward to another fantastic year at Meden School and welcoming all our students back in September.

Yours faithfully,

David Penman
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