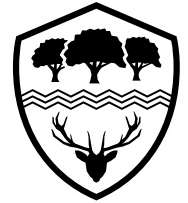


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Dear Parent Carer,

On the eve of returning to school, I sincerely hope you have all had a restful half-term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school for the next half term.

A positive start to term is always essential and this is underpinned by being prepared, organised and ready for school. We expect that all students will be in the correct uniform each day. The Meden School uniform consists of:

- Blazer, which must be worn unless otherwise stated
- Tie & White Shirt,
- Black school trousers, not leggings
- Black school shoes
- Optional black V-neck jumper
- A single stud earring is allowed in each ear.
- Students are also expected to wear and display their lanyards around school at all times.

As a reminder, students should not have multiple piercings in their ears or have any other facial jewellery. As the weather changes and becomes colder, can I remind you that we do not allow hoodies or sports jackets and your child should wear a coat over their school blazer.

As always, if you require any support with uniform, please get in touch. If for any reason, your child will not be wearing full uniform, please get in touch with us beforehand. You can email us on office@medenschool.co.uk if phone lines are busy. If you are unable to get in touch, send your child with a note to hand in as they enter the school gates and we can then contact you to discuss if necessary.

We want our students to be prepared for school so they can access all of their lessons and their learning. Being prepared involves bringing to school the correct equipment. Students should bring the following equipment to school:

- Culture Card & Lanyard
- Black Pen (s)
- Green Pen (s)
- Pencil (s)
- Ruler
- Rubber
- School bag (we would also advise to bring a refillable water bottle)

As a school, we will always support students and provide what they do not have so they can access their learning, but we expect students to **equip themselves** and **be responsible for the equipment** they have and need. **We will continue to provide homework planners, whiteboards and whiteboard pens**, when necessary, and **we will exchange equipment** should a student's pen run out, for example.



Detentions will continue to be issued on the same day for 20 mins. If there are any difficulties with your child completing a detention on that day and it needs to be rescheduled, please email detentions@medenschool.co.uk to communicate with us regarding this. We ensure this inbox is checked throughout the day and we can make adjustments where requested. As a reminder, a detention will be issued that day for the following:

- being late to school,
- late to lessons,
- receiving a C2 in lesson,
- receiving two negative marks on their culture card or
- having their mobile phone confiscated.

Any incidents occurring in the last period of the school day will be issued the next day. Two incidents in a day will trigger a double detention (35mins). Please also remember that confiscated mobile phones will only be returned to a parent/ carer who has come to collect it.

Don't forget that a full outline of your child's behaviour, attendance and punctuality, including positive points can be accessed using the MCAS (My Child at School) app. All reports are uploaded to the app and we will continue to send you important message through the app so please enable your notifications to ensure you do not miss out. If you need support in downloading the MCAS app please email office@medenschool.co.uk.

If there are any foreseeable issues with uniform, equipment or punctuality please get in touch and we will make amendments as necessary and support where we can.

We are continuing to recognise the positive work of our students, in particular, around our school values of Polite, Kind and Responsible. Our Culture Cards are used to recognise these values in our students and when they receive two marks, you should receive a positive message home. Each week we additionally recognise our 'Culture Champions' – those students who have received the most positive marks that week and you will receive a message about this. In addition, we will continue to message home for our golden tickets and zero heroes. Moving forward, the points a student has accrued will be exchangeable in our rewards shop and more information about this will be sent out soon.

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support in what was a really positive first half term and we look forward to this half term being just as positive.

Kind regards



Mr Morton
Deputy Headteacher