

20 May 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this communication finds you and your family well.

### Student Praise

As it is fast approaching the end of half term 5, we thought it was timely to recognise and praise our students who have continued to have great attendance and impeccable behaviour. A large number of students throughout the course of this half term have been praised by their SLT link, sent for Principal's praise, received praise postcards home and in some cases have received praise phone calls. We continue to be extremely proud of our student body. It has also been delightful to see large numbers of students engaging with the Enrichment++ curriculum and students are experiencing a wealth of club opportunities with enthusiasm, resilience and determination.

### Uniform

As we move into half term 6, it is important that we continue to drive the standards and expectations of student conduct and uniform. We have reiterated the importance of wearing uniform correctly, with top buttons always fastened and shirts tucked in. Students have also been reminded that they must wear plain black shoes with either tights, ankle length black socks, not trainer socks and their ankles are not to be on show. Trousers must be black and tailored in style and **skirts must be black and worn at knee length**. False eyelashes and false nails are not permitted.

Students must come correctly equipped for school and this includes attending with their lanyard and ID badge. Where students have not got a lanyard and ID badge, please can you purchase one using parent pay or by sending your child into school with £2 to purchase a lanyard and ID badge from Student Services.

As you are aware, we have worked diligently with our community to address uniform issues throughout this academic year to date and consequently it is pleasing to see that the majority of students have continued to embraced the importance of this. It is important that when students return from the Spring Bank holidays, that any uniform issues have been addressed. If students arrive to the academy in uniform that does not apply with academy policy, they will be sanctioned in line with the PD policy.

### Pastoral Structures

Our pastoral offer within the academy is of great importance and I am pleased to share with you that all year groups now have a Year manager and a SLT link. There are some changes that I would like to make you aware of in relation to the pastoral structures within each year group and I have detailed these below for your reference:

Year group	Pastoral team
Year 7	SLT Link – Mr Huddleston, Assistant Principal  Pastoral Support Officers- Mr Johnson / Miss Kitching
Year 8	SLT Link- Mrs O'Connor, Vice Principal

	Pastoral Support Officer- Mr Green
Year 9	SLT Link- Mrs Jackson, Senior Assistant Principal Pastoral Support Officers- Mrs Winters / Miss Robertson
Year 10	SLT Link –Miss Lamble, Assistant Principal Pastoral Support Officer- Miss Ruddock
Year 11	SLT Link –Miss Smail, Assistant Principal Pastoral Support Officers- Mr Johnson / Miss Kitching

Pastoral care is extremely important to us and we continue to work hard to ensure all students are known, valued and understood.

**Punctuality**

It is extremely important that students arrive punctually for school each day. The school gates open at 8.25am for pre-form and students must be in registration with their form tutor by 8.40am; we must continue to work collectively to reduce the number of students arriving late to the academy. It is important that students have a bedtime routine that helps them attend well and punctually for school. This will also support them in having a positive mood and a ‘can do’ attitude.

**Mobile Phones**

Students are also reminded that they must switch off their mobile phone and place it safely in their school bag. Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone on site, and, in doing so, the mobile phone will be confiscated for 48hours and a negative comment will be entered into the student’s planner. If a student is in isolation, then the phone will be confiscated for 5 days. Please could you remind your child that they must turn their mobile phone off prior to entering the school grounds and place it in their school bag to avoid their mobile phone being confiscated. If a student feels they need to contact home they must inform a Senior member of staff and we will endeavour to solve the issue or contact home for them from a school phone.

Finally, if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy either by email via enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk, via the MyEd app or by telephone on 0113 8313900.

Yours faithfully



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