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Dear Parents,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of the summer term and the start of the next academic year.

The last day of school this term is Wednesday 26th July 2023. We will have our traditional lunchtime finish for students on that day to enable us to say goodbye to those staff who are leaving the academy. All students will therefore be dismissed at 12.20pm on that day, however, free school meals will be available to those who are eligible as they leave the site.

The school re-opens to students on Monday 4th September 2023 and, as usual, we will operate a staggered start for different year groups on that day to provide a smooth and orderly start to the new term. The relevant start times and instructions for each year group appear below.

Please can I also draw your attention to the information on the reverse of this letter regarding the school's uniform guidelines for the coming year. Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support again this year and wish everyone a lovely, relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Gilbert
Headteacher

**Arrangements for the first day of the new academic year for students –
Monday 4th September 2023:**

Year 7: Arrive at 8.45am and go directly to the Bleacher Hall for an assembly.

Year 11: Arrive at 8.45am and go directly to Tutor Rooms.

Years 8, 9, 10: Arrive at 11.05am at breaktime. At the end of break (11.20am) students are to go directly to Tutor Rooms.

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Equality and Achievement

Uniform Expectations

All students at the Oakwood Academy, from Year 7 to Year 11, wear uniform.

The wearing of a uniform makes an important contribution to the tone and reputation of the academy. We like students to come here looking smart and business-like and ready to work. Students without the correct uniform will be offered substitute items in order for them to remain in lessons.

Official skirts, trousers, ties, blazers and PE kit are available from Just Schoolwear or Schoolwear Solutions.

Just Schoolwear can be found at 12 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DZ Their contact number is 0115 9652869. Items can also be ordered online from www.justschoolwear.co.uk.

Schoolwear Solutions are based at Morleys, 116-118 Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 4DR. Their contact number is 01159 258046.

All other uniform items should be plain with no logos or decoration.

Daily Uniform

Blazer: Grey school blazer with school logo and House colour pin badge.

Trousers: Official black school trousers branded with the school logo.

Skirt: Official tartan school skirt.

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable, i.e. polo shirts. No t-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a clip-on school tie. School ties need to be in immaculate condition. If your son/daughter's tie has threads pulled or ink marks on it then this will need to be replaced in time for the start of the new term.

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn. The school jumper is an optional uniform item but advisable during the colder months of the year.

Socks/Tights: Plain black.

Shoes: Plain black polishable shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, canvas-style pumps, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn. This includes Nike Air Force 1 trainers or similar.

School Coat: Students should wear plain water-resistant coats or jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops, bomber jackets or sports coats with large logos are not allowed. Fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets or body-warmers are also not permitted.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it gets lost easily. Students may wear one pair of small studs in the lower earlobe. Any other visible piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tramlines, shaved images, brightly coloured decoration/ braiding or the use of unnatural shades of hair dye. In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE lessons.

Headwear: Headwear of any kind is banned inside the school buildings except that which is worn for religious reasons and which be plain black. Students are free to wear appropriate head-coverings outside during inclement weather. Baseball caps are banned entirely on school premises.

Make-Up/ Nail Varnish: Make-Up, false nails and nail varnish are not allowed.

PE Kit: Academy PE top with Academy logo. Black bottoms should also be worn (leggings must not be see-through and preferably made of sports material). Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer. All items can be purchased from our uniform suppliers. Plain black sports socks. Footwear should include appropriate trainers for indoor and outdoor activities, football boots are required for some activities. Converse and Nike Air Force trainers are not considered appropriate footwear for PE. Optional items include shin pads, gum shield and a thin raincoat.

Equipment: Students should have a suitable bag for school large enough to carry A4 sized documents. Students should have a full range of stationary. All students will be provided with a school planner and should bring each day to school. Students in Years 7-9 should bring a suitable reading book to school every day.

If you are unclear regarding any of these expectations, please contact your child's Head of House for further information.