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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the final weeks of term I would like to clarify our uniform and key expectations as well as confirm the arrangements for the end of term.

At Buckler's Mead we take pride in developing a culture of 'sky high expectations' for all students. It is important that students show the best version of themselves in every facet of their schooling. Uniform, punctuality and organisation are integral to student success. With this in mind, please can all parents/guardians be aware of the following.

Uniform

- Students must arrive in school wearing their school blazer and this must be worn at all times.
- Shoes should be plain black, flat, leather or leather style, not suede or other fabrics, not boots. The wearing of trainers is not allowed.
- School trousers should be full length and reach the shoe.
- School skirts should be pleated and knee length.
- Socks should be plain black with no visible logo and cover the ankle, not short trainer socks.

We are aware, as we move through the year, that on occasions you may need to replace certain items of uniform and that sourcing items can be challenging. If this is the case, we ask that you contact the academy directly via reception or email to notify us (office@bucklersmeadacademy.com). We have a contingency stock of spare items of uniform that can be loaned to students for an interim period. Similarly, if there are any other difficulties that may make it hard for you to replace items of uniform, we are happy to support and work with you to resolve the matter.

Please be advised that every student is expected to follow all uniform expectations whilst in the academy at all times. Staff will enquire when a student is not dressed appropriately and insist that our expectations are met. Support is also offered if required.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you agree that, when dressed appropriately, our students look incredibly smart.

Equipment

In order to ensure that lesson time is well spent, students should arrive at school each day equipped for learning.

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Our key equipment includes:

- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Planner
- 2 x Black Pen
- Highlighter
- Knowledge Organiser

Students should also ensure they bring appropriate equipment for practical and PE lessons as directed by teachers. Please can we ask that you spend some time each evening/morning with your child to ensure that they are equipped and organised for the day ahead.

Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.30am. At this time, students will be expected to be inside their form room for registration and equipment checks. To ensure the day starts promptly, students should arrive on school site before 8:25am each morning. The school gates will be locked at 8:27am and students arriving after this point will be marked as late. If there is an unforeseen issue which may lead to your child arriving late, we ask that you contact the school to make us aware.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be participating in Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 14 December 2022 in aid of 'Save the Children'. Students will be able to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform (it is not a non-uniform day) and make a suggested donation of £1. Students wearing a Christmas jumper are not expected to wear a blazer.

Last Day of Term Arrangements

On Friday 16 December, we will finish at lunchtime. Students will return to their tutor groups at the end of Period 3, where they will be dismissed at the following times:

Year 10 and Year 11 will leave at 12.10pm

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will leave at 12.15pm

If you have any issues with childcare arrangements and need your child to stay in the academy until the end of the day, please contact the main office.

Tuesday 3 January 2023 is an INSET Day and the academy will re-open to students on **Wednesday 4 January 2023**. This will be a normal day.

Thank you for your continued support of the academy. We wish you all the best over the December holiday and for 2023.

Yours sincerely



MR P BALKWILL
Deputy Headteacher