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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to remind you of the school's expectations regarding uniform, punctuality and equipment as well as to inform you about how we reward, celebrate and recognise our students' achievements.

Over the past year, we have reviewed and updated our rewards in order to recognise students who are meeting our expectations or going above and beyond. We hope that students will value these and you will be able to share in your child's successes too. Students are given positive points and rewards for behaviours that reflect our 'show me your best' expectations. These standards are intended to promote positive learning behaviours that will help your child to be a successful student and young adult. Please see attached document for more information.

Every half term students will have a celebration assembly where awards will be given out. We also look to award students on a day to day basis through Class Charts and class 'stars' boards. Students will also receive a range of praise and celebration activities and opportunities throughout the year in recognition of their effort and achievements. For more information on the range of awards we have introduced, please see the attached summary.

You can track your child's successes on our Class Charts App. Should you need a reminder of your login details please contact the academy.

<https://www.classcharts.com>

Since September, we have had an increased focus on uniform and equipment. As part of our sky high expectations, students are expected to arrive at school on time, wearing full school uniform, with an appropriate bag containing the correct equipment. We are very proud that visitors to the school have often commented on the high standards of uniform and general organisation. We want our students to continue to be the smartest and best presented students in the town. In order for our excellent standards to continue, please can all parents/guardians be aware of the following and support your child to meet our expectations every day.

Uniform

School Blazer: This should be worn at all times. Coats should be worn over blazers not instead of one.

Trousers: Plain black school trousers.

Skirt: Black knee length pleated skirt.

Socks: Plain black socks with no visible labels or brands.

School Tie: striped, upper school or prefect.

Shoes: Flat black leather (or leather style) formal school shoes, not suede or other fabrics, not boots. The wearing of trainers or shoes that resemble or have similar features are not allowed. Typical styles of shoes are - oxford, derby, brogue or loafer. Please be advised that stores will often provide misleading or incorrect guidance regarding footwear.

School jumper: A plain black 'V neck' standard knitted school style jumper (not patterned) is worn underneath the blazer. There is no requirement for the jumper to have the Buckler's Mead Academy logo on it. This can be worn in addition to a blazer but not instead.

Coats: Students should wear a sensible, warm and waterproof coat during the winter months. Hoodies or other fabric garments are not permitted. Hoods should only be worn during wet weather and taken down during all other times. Coats do not replace the need to wear a blazer.

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Jewellery and Make up

One studded earring only is permitted in each earlobe. Other sorts of earrings, of any colour, including 'spacers, bars, or spikes' are not permitted.

Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn and staff will ask students to remove these items.

Students are permitted to wear one ring only.

Only discrete and natural looking makeup is allowed.

Nail extensions are not permitted and students will be asked to remove these before going to lessons.

Equipment

Students are expected to have the following the following equipment which is checked each and every morning as part of morning registration:

Sensible school bag or backpack. Students must not bring satchels/large handbags where they are unable to carry books and equipment.

Planner

Timetable

Black/blue pens

Mini whiteboard and pen

Pencil

Ruler

Sharpener

Rubber

Calculator

Full PE kit (on timetabled days only)

All students were provided with mini whiteboards, whiteboard markers and planners at the start of the year. However, we are unable to continue to provide these for students who have lost or damaged these items. If your child does not have one of these items, we ask that you make arrangements to replace them. A facility will be set up shortly on ParentPay for you to purchase new planners and whiteboards if it is necessary to do so in the new year.

Punctuality

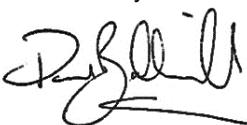
In order to make sure that all students arrive at morning registration on time, please be advised of the following.

- The school gates will be closed and locked at 8:25pm (Note the slightly earlier time from January 2024)
- Students are expected to arrive to form rooms between 8:25-8:29 for a prompt start at 8:30.
- Students who arrive late at the start of the day or to lessons will receive a late detention.

If there are any questions or queries regarding any of the above, or if you require our support with any of the points raised, please do not hesitate to make contact with our Student Support team via main reception.

Thank you for your continued support, we wish you all a restful break over December and look forward to welcoming all the students back in January.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Balkwill
Deputy Headteacher

Summary of Rewards

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Reward</u>
<p>'Show me your best'</p> <p>Classcharts points</p>	<p>200 positive Points 300 positive points 400 positive points 600 positive points 800 positive points</p>	<p>Bronze Certificate and Badge Silver Certificate and Badge Gold Certificate and Badge Platinum Certificate and Badge Purple Tie</p>
<p>Quality of work and performance</p> <p>Purple Reward Card</p>	<p>Teachers will allocate a purple rewards cards to students within their classes that demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -An exemplary piece of classwork -An exemplary piece of written work -Have an an exemplary lesson -Consistently show their best <p>Teachers to hand out a maximum of 2 cards per class per half term</p>	<p>Students with purple cards will be receive 15 positive points on Class Charts</p> <p>Students will visit the Headteacher or another senior member of staff at allocated times to share and celebrate their work</p>
<p>Attendance, punctuality and behaviour</p> <p>End of Term Rewards</p>	<p>All year groups will receive an end of term reward activity (3 reward trips a year) Students will also receive a half termly celebration assembly.</p>	<p>Certificate in rewards assembly</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Students meeting or exceeding our attendance target Students who demonstrate significant improvement in attendance over a term</p>	<p>Certificate in the end of term celebration assembly</p>
<p>Arts and Sport</p> <p>Sport and Arts Colours tie</p>	<p>Students will be awarded with a colours tie for either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -outstanding contribution and commitment -outstanding performance and achievement 	<p>Colours tie</p> <p>Awarded on a termly basis</p>
<p>Role Model</p>	<p>Roll of Honour Students who have been nominated by teachers for consistently demonstrating and role modelling an aspect of our 'Show me your best framework</p>	<p>A certificate and recognition awarded in the end of term rewards assembly</p>