

2nd September, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well and that you have had a wonderful summer holiday. With your return to school plans no doubt in full preparation we wanted to send some key reminders of expectations from next Tuesday. We are excited about students being back in the building, the information below is simply to remind and ensure everyone is best informed for the new year. Please be advised the best location for detailed information is the website which is updated regularly: [Website](#).

Start of term dates

Monday, 5th: All academy staff attend INSET, no students.

Tuesday, 6th: Year 7 and 11 only.

Wednesday 7th: All year groups in the academy .

Please remember all student gates (Clotherholme Road and Bishopton Lane) close at 8.42am. This is because students are expected to be in their tutor rooms for a prompt 8.45am start. Students who are not through the academy gates before 8.42am will be late and will need to report to reception. A reminder of the times of the school day can be found on the website: [School Day](#)

No phone school

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones or **smart watches** in the academy. If a mobile phone or **smart watch** is seen by a member of staff the student will be required to provide the staff member with the item and a parent or carer will be required to collect the phone. When students have concerns in the academy and wish to contact home they must speak to their tutor, Learning Manager or a member of the senior staff to organise contact from the academy. We understand students may carry a phone for the journey to and from the academy however prior to entering the academy gates these must be turned off and placed in the bottom of the student's bag.

Uniform

The uniform policy can be found on the website: [Uniform Policy](#). We have provided some key points below but would encourage you to consult the policy document before purchasing new items:

- Hair styles and colours should be sensible.
- False eyelashes are not to be worn.
- Nail polish and any type of false nails.
- No offensive patterns should be shaved into hairstyles.
- Hair accessories should be discreet and must be black or purple, no scarves or bandanas (unless for religious reasons).
- Noticeable make up is not allowed. Any make up must be discreet.
- Examples of appropriate school shoes can be found on page 7.

Expected equipment

Below is the list of equipment students should bring to the academy every day, this includes their planner, which they will be provided with on their first day of the new academic year:

- pen (black/blue and red)
- pencil
- ruler and rubber
- school bag which can fit in an academy planner and/or A4 workbooks

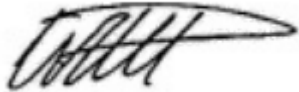
Outdoor coats

Although the coming forecast is for a continuation of higher than average temperatures we will very soon be experiencing much cooler temperatures. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat which will protect them from the autumnal elements. The academy does

not allow students to wear hooded jumpers as an alternative to an appropriate outdoor coat.

We hope you have a wonderful final weekend of the holiday period and can't wait to get another academic year started.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pratt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Pratt
Principal