

10 January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year.

At the end of last term we recruited staff in Science, Maths, English and SEND Support. We had a positive last day of term, which has continued this week. This half term the assemblies and personal development focuses on Manners, Etiquette and Kindness. They are more than just social niceties; they are powerful tools that support your child's mental health and wellbeing by:-

1. Boosting self esteem - when children practice kindness and good manners they often receive positive feedback from others. This reinforcement helps them feel valued and confident in social settings.
2. Fosters strong relationships - creating a sense of belonging
3. Reduces stress - engaging in kind acts triggers the release of endorphins and lowers stress hormones. Similarly knowing how to navigate social situations with good etiquette reduces anxiety and helps children feel more in control.
4. Encourages empathy.
5. Builds a positive identity.

To support the students building positive identities we are focused on our uniform next week. The students were gently reminded to ensure that they had organised their uniform and to let inclusion teams and/or base tutors know if they had any issues in wearing the correct uniform so that we may support onsite and at the gate if they do not.

As a reminder the uniform requirements are below and I would kindly ask for you to check that your children are aware and prepared.

[24/25 IA Uniform/Equipment requirements](#)



Upcoming Items

Mock exams for the Y11 students start on Monday 13 January - good luck to all our students. There is also a trip to Shakespeare's Globe for a small group of Y11 English students, please note that additional mock exam sessions have been created for those students on the trip who may miss their scheduled exams.

If your child is in Year 9, there is an opportunity to come into school on Monday 13 January to see their books and view the work they have been doing so far this academic year. On Thursday 16 January, Year 9 parents will have the chance to come into school to discuss their child's progress with teachers at the Y9 Parents Evening. Please make sure you book your appointments online!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss S Torr
Principal