

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great first week back and thankfully there has been little impact on staffing from COVID 19. With restrictions now gone we are returning to normal high expectations for our students.

I wrote to you before half term about uniform and use of mobile phones and this week we have completed assemblies for all students informing of them of procedures to start from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

We are reviewing the use of **mobile phones** at the Academy and at this moment in time have decided not to ban them. We will consult further with parents over the coming months. The rules are;

- No mobile phones or ear phones in lessons.
- No mobile phones or ear phones in the corridors during lessons.
- Mobile phones can be used at break time.

This will allow students to focus on maximizing learning time in lessons and avoid distractions. If phones are seen or heard during lessons it will be confiscated by the teacher until the end of the lesson.

**Uniform** is a really important of identity and belonging. For years 7, 8, 9 and 10;

- No hoodies or non-school uniform jumpers are to be worn on site
- Every student to wear a blazer in the building
- Students to wear the correct trousers/skirt

From Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

- All non-school uniform items will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- Replacement uniform will be provided where required.

Please contact your head of year if there are any issues regarding uniform and we have lots of new stock to support families.

If any students refuse to follow the rules and do not hand over the mobile or non -school uniform item then they will go to the hall. This will be staffed by Mr Hart, Mrs Sully and other school leaders. They will then be given the opportunity to hand over the item. If they do so they will return to their next timetabled lesson and receive the confiscated item at the end of the day. If they refuse they will remain in the hall to complete work and not return to lessons.

We recognize that in these times that buying a blazer for **year 11** may be hard and we are therefore taking a slightly different approach. We have consulted with students and they will be allowed to wear a blazer or a school hoodie which we will provide for them. The same rules apply regarding phones and other uniform items.

I will write to you next week to update on further developments at St Leonards to support our amazing students.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Francies  
Principal



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