



31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, we would like to inform all members of the school community that when we return for the summer term that we will continue our drive, in terms of standards and expectations. Outlined below are our basic expectations for the summer term. All students will return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at the normal school time and we look forward to welcoming students back for a busy and productive summer term.

### **Uniform**

Our students look incredibly smart and we would like to thank parents/carers and students for upholding our high standards in terms of presentation. The start of the summer term presents a good opportunity to revisit our expectations as we did in September 2022.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, as per the school's uniform policy, students will not be allowed to wear jewellery including stud earrings. This is for health and safety reasons and is not a change to policy; this has always been the case. Any student who wears jewellery will have it confiscated by a member of staff, to be collected at the end of the day. Refusal to comply with this will lead to further consequences. As per our confiscation policy if a pupil has any item confiscated on more than one occasion; students will not be given the item/s back until collected by a parent/carers.

May we also take this opportunity to remind students and parents/carers that make-up, nail varnish and false nails are also not permitted.

We understand that part way through a year it may be necessary to replace your child's footwear. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, any student who comes into school in trainers will be asked to change their footwear into a pair of shoes provided. If you envisage this causing any issue for your child please contact your child's Progress Leader so that a resolution can be sought.

Finally, in terms of uniform expectations, it is necessary for all students to bring a bag to the academy each day and this bag needs to be big enough to hold an A4 folder. Information on permitted bags, and further clarification on permitted uniform can be found on our website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

During the final term we will be continuing our drive with attendance and punctuality. This is vital in ensuring that we can optimise the time in lessons for our young people. The more time that students are in lessons, the greater their chances of success. Currently some students are losing too much learning time due to unnecessary absence and lateness to lessons.

Upon our return, we will continue to challenge students regarding poor punctuality to lessons. Students have been told that it is not appropriate to use the toilets between lessons without the permission of the class teacher, neither is it acceptable for students to take the long route from classroom to classroom as a small minority of students are currently choosing to do so. Students have been told clearly that they should be 'At the door within 4'. As explained in Mr Day's previous letter to parents from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March students who are late to lessons beyond the 4-minute tolerance of allowing pupils to transition around the building will be given a 20-minute late detention for that day after school.



# HALEWOOD ACADEMY

We will be continuing to raise the profile of good school attendance over the summer term. As part of this we are asking for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day. If your child is unwell please ensure you contact school to discuss this on the first day of their absence.

More information about attendance to school can be found on our website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/attendance/>

We are sure that by focusing on high standards, expectations and getting the basics right that we can look forward to a successful end to the academic year.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please contact your child's Progress Leader,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cross  
Vice Principal



# Your school uniform

Skirt	School Kilt	Trousers	Charcoal grey or black, no colours
Blazer	Black with trim and badge	Blazer	Black with trim and badge
Blouse	White, collar and short/long sleeves	Shirt	White, collar and short/long sleeves
Cardigan or Pullover	Plain black, V-necked with long sleeves	Pullover	Plain black, V-necked with long sleeves
Tie	Royal Blue	Tie	Royal Blue
Socks	White (plain white socks no bows)	Socks	Black, dark grey or navy blue
Tights	Black or navy blue		
Shoes	Standard black (no boots)	Shoes	Standard black (no boots)



## Examples of appropriate footwear

Boys



Girls



If you are unsure about what shoes to buy please speak to your Progress Leader

## Examples of inappropriate footwear

Boys



Girls





# Examples of appropriate school bags

All pupils need a suitable sized school back pack big enough to fit A4 folders or books in.

