



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



Headteacher: Miss M Ryan

Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to write home to ensure you are fully aware of what the school are focusing on with students in terms of expectations this term. This will allow you to remain informed and support your child in adhering to the standards and expectations that we expect every day.

Students should ensure that they wear the correct uniform appropriately, with their shirts tucked in, and any skirt worn of an appropriate length. Students are not permitted to wear make-up in Years 7, 8 and 9. Discreet make-up is permitted in Years 10 and 11. Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed and nor are nose piercings. Please see the full uniform policy here; [Uniform Policy - Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form](#)

Students should not be wearing coats or hooded jumpers inside the school building at any time. Those that are found to consistently wear their coats inside will be required to hand them over to a member of staff and be collected from Student Services at the end of the day.

We are also reminding students about their use of social media and mobile phones in particular. The school IT systems, including email, have a number of safeguards in place to ensure that students are kept safe when using IT in school. This does not extend to the use of technology via mobile phones. While the school curriculum also includes appropriate and relevant education on appropriate use of the internet and we will support and advise parents and carers on how to tackle inappropriate use by their own child or others, we do insist that mobile phones should not be used during social time at any point, in order to minimise any incidents that could cause a safeguarding concern. Occasional use of mobile phones is permitted in lessons under a teacher's supervision to enable students to take part in some activities, but this must be with permission. We welcome your support in ensuring that students are not accessing social media or their mobile phones during the school day. To ensure that students can always access their timetables, printed copies on card are being issued to students so that they can carry a copy of the timetable easily in their blazer pockets and any room changes are now displayed outside Student Services. The BAT code of conduct on the use of social media can be found here: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/bridge-academy-trust/UploadedDocument/66b6fdc6fb954be48ffd1cd5cad7b6c8/social-media-photography-code-of-conduct-employees-parents-students-policy-january-2021.pdf>

Our expectations are very reasonable in terms of polite and civil behaviour, which includes conduct out of the classroom. Students who are unable to regulate sensibly and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner will be subject to consequences as linked to our Relationships and Behaviour policy.

In addition to this, we are addressing lateness to lessons. As you are already aware, prompt attendance ensures that lessons can be utilised to their maximum potential and with minimum disruption. Students who are late to lessons will be sanctioned and persistent lateness will result in a student receiving an SLT late detention at lunchtime. Those consistently arriving to lessons on time may be rewarded through the allocation of house points, recognition from their Raising Standards Leader, or potentially having the opportunity to attend a rewards trip.

High standards lead to a more productive attitude to learning and we hope that our continual striving to improve standards will allow students to further progress positively. We hope this information is useful and will help to support our students to make the right choices on a daily basis. We have been delighted by the attitude and resilience of the students during exam week and hope they are able to have some well-deserved rest over the weekend. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support to provide the best possible learning environment for the students.

Yours faithfully

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