

23 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Further Ms Spivey's letter dated 12 July 2024, I am writing to remind all parents/carers and pupils about our expectations for the start of term. All pupils are expected to return to school on Wednesday, 4 September:

Year 7 - Pupils should arrive at 8.30am via the Central Road entrance, where they will be directed to the tennis courts to meet staff and Tutor Group Assistants (TGAs)

Years 8 - 11 - Pupils should arrive at 9.55am and go directly to their Tutor Group Base.

Uniform

We are expecting ALL pupils to return 'ready to learn' in full school uniform.

The uniform list below is provided as a quick reference only and does not reflect our full guidelines which can be accessed via our website (also linked below):

- Trousers - smart, full-length, plain black and regular fit
- Skirts - plain black and reaching the knees (stretch/jersey skirts not allowed)
- Shirts - plain white with collar suitable for our school tie
- Shoes - plain black leather (or equivalent) and suitable to 'take polish'
- Discreet make-up only (false eyelashes/nails not being allowed)
- One pair of plain stud earrings only - any other visible piercing must be removed or have a clear 'retainer' stud in its place

If parents/carers have any doubt about any aspect of uniform they are advised to contact the school for advice before making a purchase or committing to a particular haircut or piercing for example. If not already purchased, parents/carers are advised to make timely uniform purchases/orders so that items are ready in good time for the start of term on 4 September. The majority of our uniform can be purchased through Skoolkit, linked here: <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/441>

Parents/Carers who may be experiencing hardship can also request access to uniform via the 'Uniform Share Store', part of the Portsmouth 'HIVE' website linked here: <https://hiveportsmouth.org.uk/news/uniform-share-store>

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Equipment

All pupils should have a suitable school bag which can be carried throughout the day. As a minimum, pupils should also have a pencil case with black or blue pens, pencils, pencil sharpener and eraser. Please note that subject leaders may also advise parents/carers and pupils on subject specific equipment requirements at the start of term.

I would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support and wish you an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kelly
Head of School

