



"Striving for Excellence"

Shirley High School

Performing Arts College

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MF/KAW/Behaviour & Expectations
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Dear Parents / Carers

Before we return in September please do take time to read this letter so you and your child are fully aware of the key expectations for the upcoming year. This will help ensure that you are prepared for September.

As most of you will be aware we usually hold Parent Information Evenings this term to reinforce our expectations for the upcoming year and inform you of key events particular to your child's year group. The Parent Information Evenings will now be held at the start of the new academic year and the new Principal, Mr Myton, will be introducing himself to you and setting out the expectations and direction of Shirley High School.

These evenings have been scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday 10 September 2019 – Years 10 = 5pm – 6pm and Year 11 = 6pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 11 September 2019 – Year 7 = 5pm – 6pm
- Thursday 12 September 2019 – Year 8 = 5pm – 6pm and Year 9 = 6pm – 7pm
- Thursday 26 September 2019 – Years 12 and 13 = 5pm – 7pm

Shirley High School has high expectations. We are proud of our school and therefore ask that you support us in maintaining our standards by ensuring you know our rules and policies on school uniform, attendance, punctuality and behaviour. Our policies can be found on our school website and detailed information on these areas can also be found in our school newsletters.

Please can you pay particular attention to some key areas highlighted below:

Uniform, attendance and behaviour:

- Please ensure that we start the new school year with all students in the correct school uniform. The current uniform list is available on the school website and it is important that if parents / carers are in any doubt about any aspect of uniform they contact the school. It is unfortunate that, sometimes, students can give you the incorrect information.
- We do not allow extreme haircuts or hair colour; we have had issues this year with brightly coloured braids mixed in with natural coloured braids and line / patterns shaved into hair and eyebrows which is disappointing. None of this is suitable for school and we do expect parents / carers to support us with this.
- Trainers are not to be worn as uniform unless in PE lessons. Shoes must be wholly black, leather or leather equivalent and waterproof. Students arriving in **clearly identifiable trainers** will be asked to wear school plimsolls for the day.
- School trousers must be grey and be standard fitting school trousers. We do not allow trousers that are black.
- Students in Years 7 – 10 should now be wearing clip on ties only. From September 2019 the tie colours will be; Year 7 light blue, Year 8 silver, Year 9 red, Year 10 green and Year 11 gold.
- Attendance to school should be a minimum of 96% and students are expected to arrive **on time** every day.
- Mobile phones are not permitted at Shirley High School. This has previously been made clear and there is no change to this rule.
- We are committed to promoting a positive attitude towards our Golden Rule; 'Students are expected to show consideration and respect to all members of the school and local community at all times'. We will not tolerate any behaviour that disrupts the teaching and learning of our students or brings the good name of the school into disrepute.
- Parents / Carers have a vital role to play in this and with your support we can ensure we have the highest standards of behaviour in and out of school. Please refer to our behaviour policy for full details regarding our expectations, procedures, rewards and sanctions. Please also support the policy we have regarding mobile phones.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We will continue to 'Strive for Excellence' in everything that we do. I wish all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely


Ms M Francis
Senior Vice Principal

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