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Shirley High School

Performing Arts College

MF/KAW/Behaviour & Expectations
December 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Before we return in January please do take time to read this letter so you and your child are fully aware of our key expectations. This will help ensure that the New Year 2020 and the beginning of our Spring term start smoothly.

We are proud of our school and have high expectations of our students. I 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. Shirley High School has high expectations.

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

Behaviour

- 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.
- Students must use the zebra crossing rather than crossing in front of oncoming vehicles. Please can parents who drop their children off in the morning please park safely on the main road and not obstruct the zebra crossing or our neighbours' driveways. No parents / carers should drive into the school to drop students off unless a special arrangement has been made.
- Student behaviour and our school uniform should not and must not change outside of school. We hold the same high expectations of our students in school and out. The reputation of our school is important and affects all of us.
- We expect our students leaving school at the end of the day to make their way straight home, always respecting the public – pedestrians, motorists, neighbours and local businesses. Students are not to hang around the school gates or in front of our neighbours' houses. They are welcome, of course to wait for friends inside the school, safely and responsibly in our school playground.
- Students' behaviour on the way to and from school reflects on all of us. We do not want our students to behave in a way that will embarrass the school and bring the name of our school into disrepute. If students continue to make poor choices they will be sanctioned and if necessary parents /carers will be asked to pick up students, who can't be trusted, from school.

Attendance

- Attendance to school should be a minimum of 96% and punctuality a minimum of 97%.
- We have changed our punctuality procedures to bring about a necessary improvement in this area and students are now receiving sanctions for their poor punctuality in a week as well as their cumulative poor punctuality over the year.

Uniform

- Please ensure that we start the new Spring Term 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.
- School trousers must be grey and be standard fitting school trousers. We do not allow black trousers.
- It is important that our students understand that our uniform does not change when they leave through the gates at the end of the day! It is to be worn correctly and with pride for the school they represent until they get home and take it off. This includes jewellery which is not permitted with our uniform – at any time!

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- Finally, as you are already aware, trainers will not be permitted to be worn with our school uniform from the start of next term. Students must wear school shoes that are wholly black, leather or leather equivalent and waterproof. Students will be required to have correct footwear when entering the premises.

This is the slide that has been shown to our students since October this year outlining what is suitable, so there is no misunderstanding in January 2020 and families have a chance to acquire the correct footwear.

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL

It's your uniform: wear it with pride!

YEAR 7 – 11

UNIFORM REMINDER FOR JANUARY 2020

School Shoes

From the start of the Spring Term January 2020 students will be expected to wear school shoes and not trainers / sports shoes, with their school uniform including to and from school.

Students and their families have now had a term's warning regarding this change to our uniform. There will be no exceptions to this expectation from the start of term January 2020. Any footwear with a sports logo or name will not be accepted and sanctions will be given for those who do not conform to the expectations.

Examples as follows:

Parents / carers have a vital role to play in helping the school uphold its high expectations and with your support we can ensure we have the highest standards of behaviour and uniform in and out of school. Please also understand that we would far rather reward than sanction our students. We love to celebrate success and reward the students for abiding by our rules and procedures and with your help we can ensure that the positive receipt of rewards and success far outweighs the negativity of sanctions. To this end a new rewards package is being put together with the view of all our students.

Our students receive information on upcoming events, messages, focus points etc. via weekly tutor group slides. These slides will be available on the school website from January 2020 so you can see what the students are being told and help us reinforce the messages given. Please also refer to our behaviour policy for full details regarding our expectations, procedures, rewards and sanctions.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We will continue to 'Strive for Excellence' in everything that we do and ensure our school is 'Safe, Happy and Successful' for all members of our community. I wish all our students and their families a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 6th January 2020 at the usual time.

Yours sincerely

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