



19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer

## Re. Uniform and Behaviour for Learning

### Uniform

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter has arrived at school in full uniform this academic year. Standards have never been better and as such we will continue to follow the procedures outlined in the letter sent to parents in the Summer Term 2017. Please could I ask that all students arrive back at school in full school uniform on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The uniform is as follows:

- White polo shirt with Homewood School logo
- Black and royal blue jumper or cardigan with Homewood School logo (optional if wearing School Blazer)
- Black blazer with School logo and College badge (please note that the blazer must be worn at all times unless permission is given by a teacher to remove it)
- Smart, black, knee-length tailored skirt (no more than 5 or 6 cm above the knee) or black tailored trousers
- Plain black / skin colour tights or black socks
- Plain black or navy coat
- Smart black leather shoes or black leather ankle boots (to be worn underneath trousers only)
- One small pair of stud earrings

We expect all students to take pride in their uniform and dress smartly for school and would ask for your continued support with this. Please ensure that your child's coat follows the regulations above- it should be a plain black or navy blue coat.

**From 4<sup>th</sup> January, uniform checks will be undertaken. If students are not dressed in correct school uniform then they may not be allowed to attend their normal lessons. This arrangement will remain in place until the issue has been rectified.**

If there are any financial concerns, please contact the college office to discuss the issue. For your information the school shop is open:

Tuesdays and Thursdays- 8.30am-4.30pm (term time only)

The direct extension number for the school shop should you wish to contact them is 207. Orders can also be made online (see the school website- parents).

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## Behaviour for Learning

From the start of next term we will be introducing a new scheme with a view to driving up standards, still further. The Focus on Fundamentals initiative is formulated to ensure that students are fully engaged in their learning. Its aim is to ensure that low level behaviours such as: shouting out, talking when the teacher is speaking or not completing tasks in a timely fashion, are eradicated.

The initiative will be based upon the school's system of Reminder, Warning and Consequence. Teachers will systematically remind students of what is expected as well as recording unsatisfactory behaviours, should these reminders not be heeded.

Where students fail to respond to teacher expectations, they will be placed in a 30 minute lunchtime study session in T Block. Students will be expected to attend the allocated session on the same day (lesson 1-4 issue) or on the following day (lesson 5 or 6 issue). Failure to attend will have further consequences for students. There will be 10 minutes at the end of the session for students to have their lunch.

Whilst Behaviour at the school was rated as 'Good' in the last OFSTED inspection (May 2017), we now feel it is time to raise the bar and we are confident that these measures will be impactful. We thank parents for your support with this initiative.

I wish you and your families a happy and relaxing Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

S J Lees

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