



Sedgehill School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you as we approach the end of yet another highly successful year at Sedgehill. We have been delighted at the way Year 11 and 6th Form students have both prepared for and conducted themselves in GCSE and post 16 examinations over recent weeks. We are very hopeful that these cohorts will continue our continuous improvement in examination results. Obviously, we have also been very excited about moving into our lovely new building, which has provided a much improved learning environment for our students.

On a more negative note, we have become concerned recently over the standards of uniform and punctuality amongst a significant minority of students. Sedgehill staff are determined to improve punctuality and uniform immediately and we are sure that you will want to support us in these aims. In a recent Boomerang we wrote explaining the action we shall take this term to rectify this and decided it would be helpful to confirm this in a separate letter.

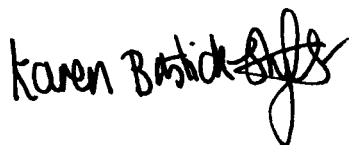
With regard to uniform, our expectation is simple; all students will wear the full Sedgehill uniform to school every day - white collared shirt, plain black trousers or plain black skirt, Sedgehill school tie, black blazer with Sedgehill badge and plain black shoes. If further layers are required, students may wear a plain dark coat (but not a hoodie) and/or a plain black V-neck knitted jumper. However, these must not be worn to replace the blazer, which is a compulsory item of uniform. No other items of clothing are acceptable. In terms of jewellery, only a wristwatch and a single pair of stud earrings are to be worn.

We will be enforcing these uniform rules strictly over the coming weeks and students will be sanctioned if they are in incorrect uniform, including by sending them home if necessary. We would obviously want to avoid sending students home and would therefore be grateful if you could support us by ensuring that your child comes to school in full and correct uniform every day. If you have any difficulty with providing any items of uniform, please contact your child's Year Leader as soon as possible.

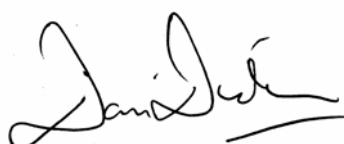
With regard to punctuality, lateness to lessons has a very negative effect on students' learning, as the beginning of a lesson is nearly always the most important part and latecomers disrupt lessons for all other students. We will therefore be dealing with lateness strictly over the coming weeks, including by taking students who are out of lessons and late, to the Time Out Room where they will work in isolation for the whole lesson. Parents/carers will be notified on the first occasion that this is necessary. If this happens on a second occasion, the student will spend a further lesson in Time Out and be issued with a one hour after school detention. At the same time, we will be monitoring the punctuality of all students to all lessons each week, using our electronic registration system. The 10 students in each year group with the worst records of punctuality will be issued with a two hour detention from 3.00-5.00pm on a Friday afternoon.

Once again, we are sure that you will be keen to support us in improving standards at Sedgehill and we would be grateful if you could ensure your child has correct uniform every day and is clear about the need for excellent punctuality to school and to lessons. We look forward to be able to report on improved standards of uniform and punctuality by all students in the very near future.

Yours sincerely



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