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1st September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed a restful summer holiday. As we look forward to the start of the new academic year, we thought a reminder letter with some key messages would be helpful. The first day of term for Years 12-13 is **THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**.

START OF THE DAY

At 8.15am we will begin to welcome students back. Years 12-13 will enter through the Student Reception doors. This will be their usual entrance every morning. Students should arrive in school by 8.30am. Students will be late if they arrive after 8.35am. We will begin the day with a Whole School fire drill on the tennis courts and then move to form tutor bases.

DRESS CODE & EQUIPMENT

It is important that all students are dressed appropriately for the school environment and maintain this appearance on the first day and every day. Our dress code is gender neutral and promotes religious and ethnic equality. Whilst this offers a great deal of freedom for personal expression, we ask that students recognise we are an 11-18 school and as such they are expected to act as role models and must dress appropriately in the context of the wider school, they are a part of.

CONDUCT AND SAFETY

We care about all our students, and we want them to be happy, healthy in body and mind and for them to make fantastic progress in school. School life is more than just lessons; it is also about helping shape rounded young people who have the confidence to go out into the world of work as positive citizens with strong ethics. **Respect Honesty and Kindness** are our School Values which drive all our decision making. Please see below a reminder of the school standards and conduct which all students are familiar with. We ask that you support us in reminding your child of the importance of these expectations which are in place to ensure that school is a calm and safe space for all to thrive in.

Whilst the standards refer directly to school uniform the concepts are still applicable to sixth form students and as such, we expect them to be upheld.

STANDARD 1	Students must have their top button and tie fastened correctly.	CONDUCT 1	Students must walk sensibly on the left side of the corridor and stairwells.
STANDARD 2	Students must wear their school jumper* and must not wear hoods inside.	CONDUCT 2	Students must observe the one- way system at all times.
STANDARD 3	Students must not wear coats in the classroom.	CONDUCT 3	Students must talk quietly as they travel through school. Shouting/swearing/raised voices is not permitted.
STANDARD 4	Students do not wear jewellery with the exception of one pair of stud earrings.	CONDUCT 4	Students must line up quietly in single file outside of classrooms and when waiting in the lunch queues.
STANDARD 5	Students must not be seen with a mobile phone or earphones in school.	CONDUCT 5	Play fighting and excessive physical play is not acceptable at any time.

WISEPAY AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know, the Wisepay system is used for parents and carers to make payments to the school, for school meals, trips and fundraising. Please can you ensure that you have added money for lunch on Thursday. You can apply for **free school meals** if you believe you are eligible on the City of York Council website Eligibility for free school meals – City of York Council

CLASS CHARTS

We use Class Charts to communicate with parents. This will also be the platform for Homework to be recorded for all year groups from September. Further detail regarding this will be communicated to you at the start of term.

Please can I also remind all parents, carers and students that students will receive their new school timetables on the first day of term. The school office is still inputting information and some Heads of department are making changes to groupings. Please do not attempt to look on the school system for timetables before Thursday as the information may be incorrect.

Please find below a reminder of the contact details for the key members of the Pastoral Team		
from September. We welcome close contact with our families.		

Year	Head of Year	Student Support Leader
12	Ms Campbell	Mrs Blunt
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13	Mrs Hopson	Mrs Blunt
	l.hopson@huntington-ed.org.uk	a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk

Assistant Headteacher/Director of Sixth Form Mr Johnson <u>m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Assistant Headteacher & SENCO Mr Lowe <u>W.Lowe@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Deputy Headteacher:Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Care Mrs Naish <u>g.naish@huntington-ed.org.uk</u>

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for the end of the summer holiday and the new school year ahead.

Yours sincerely

M. Johnson

Martyn Johnson Assistant Headteacher Director of Sixth Form