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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 2, it is lovely to see the students back well rested and ready to face the lead up to Christmas. I want to take the opportunity at the start of the term to remind you about a number of changes that have taken place around the Academy and the local area during term 1.

Access to Greenacre from Bradfields Avenue

During term 1 all access to Greenacre from Bradfields Academy was suspended, this will continue during term 2. Students who are meeting siblings at Walderslade Girls School will be granted access via a pass, this pass will only be issued if parents contact us to give permission for leaving the site this way. There will continue to be no access at all in the mornings from this entrance, all students should be dropped at the main entrance. Thank you for your continued co-operation, this has eased the congestion on Bradfields Avenue.

Punctuality to Greenacre

School begins at 8.30am, any student arriving after 8.30am is marked as late on the register. Any student arriving after 8.45am will miss the legal morning mark and this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. It is crucial that your son/ward arrives for 8.30am. We are aware there have been bus strikes and this will be taken into consideration when your son arrives to the Academy.

Attendance

Attendance to the Academy is expected to be a minimum of 97%. As we move into the winter months there will be occasions that students fall ill. However, we do encourage students to come to school even if they feel under the weather. After two years of disrupted learning, attendance is more important than in previous years. We will send home if a student is deemed to be too poorly to last the day. This decision is not taken lightly, we will not authorise any absence where a student calls their parents and asks to be collected.

Uniform

Please note that blazers are compulsory and should be worn at all times. Shoes should be hard soled and black. We do understand that the cost of living is rising and should you require financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have a large stock of pre-loved uniform that can be taken at no charge.

Please label all of your son's uniform, this way it can be given back when found, we have a huge amount of unnamed lost property. This will be given to the pre-loved uniform stock if left unclaimed by Christmas.

Please ensure your son has a coat for wet weather days, students will be able to leave coats in form rooms to dry if weather is poor.



Parking

Please be reminded that we are a school situated on a busy main road, it is important that pathways are not blocked by traffic, please do not block resident driveways. The main car park is not to be parked in or used to collect and turn around. As you can appreciate, there are approximately 1000 students leaving the school at this time and it is a safety issue if we also have cars coming out at this time too. The car park located by the main entrance at Walderslade Road may be used for pick up and drop off, but please do this in the top car park, as students find it difficult to get out when cars congregate in the main lower car park.

Behaviour and language in the community

Students are a representation of the Academy when walking to and from School, therefore their behaviour and language should be that which we expect to see in school. We have had a number of complaints from residents whose houses back on to the alleyway about the language being used by both boys and girls walking to and from.

Litter and graffiti

Lastly, during the half term the school has been deep cleaned, floors stripped and polished and corridors painted. We work hard to keep our school clean, tidy and free from damage. We would appreciate all students being spoken to by their parents about respecting their environment, this includes throwing litter and chewing gum in school.

Kind regard

Yours sincerely



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