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Dear Families

As this term draws to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the continued support you offer to all the staff at Stowmarket High School. We have been extremely impressed with how the majority of students have started this academic year with a mature and positive attitude towards their learning.

We would especially like to congratulate Year 11 students who demonstrated exemplary behaviour and attitudes in their recent pre-exams. Success in education is increased through a strong relationship between school, home and the students, and your support this term has been very much appreciated.

Students will return to school Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023. At the beginning of the new year, we will be looking closely at school uniform making sure students are dressed in line with the uniform policy. Uniform is an important part of our identity as a school. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school.

The uniform policy is available on the website, but the main points are shown below. If you require financial assistance with school uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss the matter. Please ensure that your child attends school each day in the correct attire and with the necessary equipment to learn. This includes:

- A Black blazer with school's logo on breast pocket
- Optional – Unisex black, school V-neck jumper with teal trim
- White, un-logoed and plain collared shirt or blouse with either long or short sleeves
- Any t-shirt worn beneath a school shirt must be plain white
- Clip on school tie
- Black sensible shoes, black canvas shoes or black trainers
- Black trousers, which should give the appearance of a straight legged fit (or wider), full length and NOT made of denim, canvas, skinny cut or have zips or studs
- Black belt (plain)
- Black or white socks (plain)
- Black shorts can be worn, these must be purchased from Anglia Sports & Schoolwear.

In the event of inclement weather students should wear a traditional coat if they wish to keep warm and dry. If a student were to come to school in a hoodie, or an alternative to the school jumper/ cardigan, we will ask them to remove the garment and it will be handed to student services for the student to collect at 3.10pm. Any continued infringements will result in an adult having to come in to school to collect the item from reception. We would appreciate home support on this matter. If you are unsure of the appropriateness of a coat for school, we would be happy to advise you.

Our Suppliers Anglia Sports and Schoolwear Ltd can be visited for online orders. Please contact them on the following number: (01255)474550 or visit the website on: <https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/stowmarket-high-school-96-c.asp> to order items.

Jewellery

Discreet jewellery is allowed, no more than a wristwatch, a ring, a bracelet, a chain/necklace (worn under shirt or blouse) and a pair of small earrings. Choker style necklaces are not acceptable, and no other facial jewellery is allowed in school (e.g., nose, tongue, lip or eyebrow studs, including clear studs). Any jewellery or nail polish must be removed for reasons of health and safety if requested by staff. False/gel nails should be removed if a student is doing PE, Design or preparing/cooking food.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight at all times. Staff may give students permission to use their phones during lessons and this will be communicated with students. Any infringement of this rule will result in the mobile phone being confiscated until the end of the school day. Repeated mobile phone infringements may result in the phone having to be collected by a parent or carer for any reoccurrence. Please see the relationship policy that explains in more detail the rationale and sanction as to why phones are not allowed.

In line with the Disability Discrimination act and equality principles, reasonable adjustments can be made for those with specific circumstances but should be discussed with the appropriate Head of Year.

As ever please contact us if you have questions or require support. We appreciate your help and hope that you can enjoy the Christmas holiday.

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