BUDMOUTH ACADEMY WEYMOUTH

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that all students and their families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break so far. As we look forward to welcoming our students back for the start of the new academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our expectations regarding school uniform, equipment and standards.

We are proud of the high standards we expect from our students. We believe that clear and consistent expectations help create a positive, respectful and purposeful school environment in which every student can thrive.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy has been developed alongside the Department for Education (DfE) school uniform guidance - both statutory and non-statutory - and is consistent with the approach taken by other academies within our Trust. The policy is designed to ensure that our uniform is smart, practical and affordable, while promoting a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school community.

We ask that parents and carers ensure that students return to school wearing the correct uniform and that all items are clearly labelled with the student's name. A full list of detailed uniform expectations is available in the Uniform & Equipment Policy.

Parent/Carers of a child in receipt of FSM may be able to apply for a Uniform Voucher (branded items only). For more information, please contact Deborah Brown, Student Administrator, dbrown@budmouth-aspirations.org. Additionally, to help families reduce the cost of school uniform, parents/carers may wish to make use of the Budmouth Academy Used Uniform Facebook group, where pre-owned school uniform can be offered, requested or purchased.

Uniform Reminders:

- Skirts must be plain black, pleated and tailored. They must be worn at the full length and sit on the knee.
- Shoes must be traditional black, low heeled school shoes. Any form of trainer (even if marketed as a school shoe by retailers) or plimsoll (including Kickers plimsolls) are not permitted.
- False or extensions of eye lashes or nails, including any nail varnish that is not clear, is not permitted.
- Jewellery is set at a maximum of two single plain gold or silver stud earrings (one in each ear) and one wrist watch. Any additional or facial piercings, including nose, eye brow, tongue septum and/or transparent retainers, are not permitted.

Staff will monitor student uniform throughout each school day, starting with their tutor each morning. If a student is found to be in appropriate uniform but wearing it incorrectly (rolled skirts, shirts untucked, blazer not worn etc.), they will be asked to rectify the issue immediately and a uniform infringement point will be recorded.

Infringement points (per week)	**Sanction**
2	30 minute after school detention
4	60 minute after school detention
6	90 minute after school detention

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Persistent infringements	For example; inappropriate skirt length - *The academy reserves the right to ask students to wear trousers/shorts in the event that their skirts do not follow our policy.*

Equipment

Students are expected to arrive at school each day fully prepared for learning. Every student should have the essential equipment required for lessons, including:

- 30cm long, clear pencil case
- 30cm long ruler
- Protractor
- 2 x black or blue pens
- 1 x green pen (initial one to be provided by the Academy but we would recommend having a spare)
- 2 x pencils
- 1 x highlighter
- 1 x whiteboard pen (initial one to be provided by the Academy but would recommend having a spare)
- Rubber
- Calculator (casio fx-83gt cw)

Students should take responsibility for looking after their own equipment and ensuring that it is brought to school each day.

Working Together

We recognise the important role that parents and carers play in supporting these expectations. Your support in ensuring that your child arrives each day in the correct uniform, fully equipped and ready to learn makes a significant difference.

Our aim is to begin the new academic year positively, with clear and consistent expectations for everyone. Where students do not meet the school's uniform, equipment or standards expectations, staff will address this in line with our published policies.

If there are circumstances that make it difficult for your child to meet any of these expectations, please contact the tutor in the first instance. We will always seek to work constructively with families and provide appropriate support where needed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students on Thursday 3rd September and all students back on Friday 4th September.

Yours sincerely

Budmouth Academy