

PSW/BEN

20 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Standards and Expectations for September 2022

As we approach the end of another busy and successful academic year, I take this opportunity to remind students and their families of our expectations for September so that the transition into the start of next school year can be smooth and productive for all.

Uniform

Uniform reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school and prepare for life after school, where many will have to dress smartly for work. The full uniform policy is available on our school website.

Shoes: black, traditional, formal style in leather or leather type only. Trainers are not permitted.

Skirt: black, knee length traditional skirt.

Shirt: white, plain buttoned shirt with collar, tucked into trousers or skirt.

Tie: must be full length, suitably knotted and in house colour for the student.

Blazer: black with KSCS logo, blazers are compulsory for students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Hair: no extreme or un-natural hair colours or styles allowed.

Jewellery: one pair of plain metal stud earrings allowed. Facial piercings are not accepted however, retainers are permitted.

False nails: short nails, natural colours. **Not** permitted in practical lessons, such as Food Technology or PE for health and safety reasons.



KSCS branded items, such as the blazer and tie, can be purchased from Chroma Sport (<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/ken-stimpson>) should you need them. Non branded attire is accepted for everything else, provided it is within the guidelines above.

If your child arrives to school without meeting these standards, we reserve the right to challenge and request that parents/carers bring in the correct uniform item to enable them to attend their lessons.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones were banned within school at the start of this academic year, and students have adapted to this change extremely positively. This continues to remain in place and means students must turn their mobile phones off, and place them into their bags as they arrive at the school gates. They should remain like this until the end of the school day.



If students breach these rules, staff will confiscate the mobile phone, place it into a sealed envelope with clear identification of who the phone belongs to and store it in a lockable unit within reception. The student will be issued with a 45-minute after school detention that day.

1st Confiscation: Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of their detention where staff will sign phones back to students.

2nd Confiscation: Same process as above, however parents will be contacted by Year teams to alert you of this repeated breach of school policy.

3rd Confiscation onwards: Mobile phones will only be released back to a parent/carer between 3.15-4.00pm at whichever day suits the schedule of the parent. Year teams will then discuss this severe breach of school policy with parents/carers and may look to put additional measures in place.

Punctuality

Being punctual is a vital ingredient for students to achieve their academic potential and we wish to ensure that all students have the best start to their day and continue to experience disruption free learning.

Students who arrive to **lesson 1 after 8.45am** are considered late and will be recorded as such. This will issue an automatic same-day detention after school for 45 minutes. Students who arrive **more than 5 minutes late to lessons throughout the day**, without a valid note from a member of staff, will be removed from lesson and work in the inclusion unit. This will issue an automatic same-day detention after school for 45 minutes, as arriving late to lesson is deemed a behavioural choice and a disruption to the learning for those already engaged with their lessons.

If your child has a reason to be late, for example a medical appointment, please contact the school to inform us of this. Our aim is not to sanction students who have a genuine need. We know that these measures will only apply to a small number of our students, however, feel it is important to remind everyone of the importance of punctuality.

Behaviour in the Community

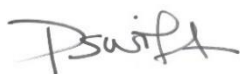
As students travel to and from school, they represent our school community. Therefore, we ask that students present themselves respectfully to all who they encounter. Students should be courteous to others and refrain from using poor language. Members of the public do feedback to us positively on our students however, we will sanction those who do not meet this expected standard.

Chewing Gum and Energy Drinks

Please be reminded that chewing gum and energy drinks are not allowed on school site. These will be confiscated if seen and will be kept until a parent/carer can collect them.

Finally, **free breakfast provision** is available in school for all students from 8am each day, so please encourage your child to make use of this to ensure they are in school on time. Thank you for your ongoing support and we hope that you continue to work collaboratively with us moving forward. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 5th September.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Swift
Vice Principal