



HOWDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the Summer Term for Howden School, I am taking this opportunity to write to you in order to provide you with some important information that will impact on your child from September 2016.

Once again, I find it hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year. This year has been as busy as ever and this letter reflects just some of the wonderful things our students have been involved with, both in lessons and on trips and visits. Amongst other things, this has included, charity events, sporting success, such as reaching the Small Schools National Cup final in Reading, and visits by a multitude of individuals and organisations as well as school visits.

We have a very clear uniform policy and our expectation is that all students in Years 7 to 11 will adhere fully to that policy at all times, unless emergency circumstances prohibit this. Can I ask Parents/Carers to continue to support the school in ensuring that their children attend school wearing the correct uniform. It has been noticed recently that a number of uniform items are being worn incorrectly, the full policy can be found on our website and I would ask you to refer to this before any new purchases are made for September. I would however like to draw your attention to the following, which are particularly noticeable at the moment and are unacceptable:

Short lycra skirts; skirts should be formal uniform type skirts of a decent length, sitting no more than just above the knee

Close fitting trousers in lycra/ jean type fabric; smart, tailored uniform type trousers must be worn

Trainers; school shoes should be worn at all times

If you would like advice on any uniform item, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager who will be happy to discuss with you the appropriateness of garments.

Can I take this chance to reiterate our policy on energy drinks such as Monster, Red Bull, and Rock Star. High sugar and caffeine drinks are banned from school site because, as widely reported, they have a significantly detrimental effect on student's concentration and learning.

I would like to draw your attention to our new school app. At Howden School we are always looking for new ways to communicate with parents/carers. From September our new school app will allow you to pay on our cashless system, communicate with the attendance team, see the school calendar and receive real time text message updates about important information all in one place. The app can be downloaded through the QR at the bottom of the page or through the link on our web site.

Can I draw to your attention the following staff will be leaving us in the summer:
Mrs H Collins, Mrs Janet Wilson, Mr D Eastwood, Ms S Taylor, Mrs B Wilson, Mrs A Bendig, Mrs P Kerr. Can I thank the staff for their contributions to the school and wish them every success in their new roles or in their retirement.

Next year promises to be another exciting one, with students and staff striving to improve in everything that we do. Achieving the Good Grading in the OfSTED inspection gave the students and staff the confidence they needed to raise standards even higher. Since the inspection in February, we have been busy putting together the things we need to move the school to Outstanding.

Finally, can I thank you for your continued support and on behalf of all the staff and governors of Howden School, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Summer break.

Forward Team Howden



Mr G Cannon
Headteacher



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