

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to you as we reach the end of the Autumn term 2023. This has been a very positive term for the school. We want to say thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support for our work with your children.

We were delighted to welcome close to 250 families to our year 6 open evening this week and we hope to welcome more students to the academy than ever next September. We had a significant number of our students involved as either tour guides or involved in various activities and we know this couldn't have happened without your support so thank you!

We have been impressed by the engagement in learning and positive attitudes shown by the vast majority of our students on their return to the academy in September. We have been listening to students' and staff concerns regarding the minority of our students not meeting the standards required to be successful. All students at Montsaye Academy have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach. It is important that students are in lessons on time and ready to learn.

Following the half term break we will be having a 'reset' on behaviour and uniform standards. We will be focussing on the areas outlined below and we hope that you will support us in our drive for improvements:

### School day

In order to ensure students can be more successful in their learning we are changing the order of the day, in particular the timing of tutor time. We have taken an evidence-based approach to come up with the new model and we expect that students will arrive promptly to school at 8.30am for line-ups ready to learn.

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| 8.35 – 8.40   | Line-up                    |
| 8.45 – 9.45   | Period 1                   |
| 9.45 – 10.45  | Period 2                   |
| 10.45 – 11.05 | Break                      |
| 11.05 – 12.05 | Period 3                   |
| 12.05 – 13.05 | Period 4                   |
| 13.05 – 13.25 | Tutor time                 |
| 13.25 – 14.00 | Lunchtime                  |
|               | Detentions (13.25 – 13.45) |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Period 5                   |

## Uniform

It is important to be ready to learn in the correct uniform: your uniform makes you part of our community. Fantastic uniform shows a fantastic attitude. If you are not in the correct uniform, then you will be sent to the main hall to borrow some for that day. If a student is wearing incorrect uniform or refuses to borrow missing items, this may result in their day in school being completed out of general circulation in the 'reflection' room where work from their lessons will be provided. The information below outlines the uniform required to be worn by all students:



We look forward to welcoming all students in smart uniform after half term. To make our uniform more affordable, the only items which need to be purchased from our supplier, Karl Sports (karlsports.co.uk) are the tie and blazer. If you require any support with purchasing any of the required uniform please get in contact with the pastoral team.  
**Please note: Hoodies are not permitted in school and will be confiscated if worn in school.**

**Mobile Phones and electronic devices (including headphones/ear buds) – Not permitted.**

At Montsaye Academy, we believe face to face conversations are important. We also value the focus we get in lessons when phones and electronic devices are not distracting us. As such, mobile phones and headphones are not allowed on site as we operate a gate-to-gate rule between the hours of 8:35am – 3pm. If they are seen, they will be confiscated and students will have to collect them from student reception at 3pm.

## Equipment

Your equipment is your toolkit for successful learning, you need to ensure that you are equipped for lessons with your pencil case and any equipment for specific lessons such as: PE, food or maths. This will be checked each day during line ups.

## Key dates:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – End of term, school closes at 3pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School reopens for all year groups. Students to arrive by 8.30am

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Years 11 and 13 Aspiration Evening

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Years 7-10 and Year 12 Tutor Information Evening



We wish everyone a wonderful half term. We will be in touch again soon.

Yours faithfully,

The Senior Leadership Team

