

Dear Parents,

July 2018

As we approach the end of this busy yet exciting academic year, where we have launched our new core values of **Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration**, and enjoyed our very first Montsaye ERA day, I thought that it would be an appropriate time to remind you about our **high expectations** regarding **uniform, behaviour and attendance**. These expectations are key to our vision of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration.

From September 2018 all students in Years 7-9 will wear the grey uniform, with students in 10 & 11 wearing a black suit with an academy tie. Our uniform supplier is Karl Sports, based in Kettering, and they can provide the full Academy and P.E. uniform; grey trousers can be purchased from any shop, you are not restricted to buying them from Karl Sports. Students **must wear black shoes**; as outlined in a letter earlier this year **trainers** of any description and colour – including black – are **not acceptable** from September. Students in Years 12 & 13 are expected to wear business dress. Students who arrive in school without the correct uniform will be sanctioned according to the school policy and persistent refusal to follow our uniform expectations may ultimately result in your child receiving a fixed term exclusion.

Mobile phones and **earphones** must not be used between the hours of 8:40am and 3:00pm, this includes break and lunch time. Earphones should also not be seen hanging down from the collar. From September if any such devices are seen throughout the day they will be **confiscated, without a warning and kept at student reception**. If they are confiscated three times they will be kept securely until they can be collected by a parent or guardian.

Good attendance at school is key to academic success and it has been proven that if a student has 90% attendance their grades will suffer by on average 1 grade. This could be the difference between a grade 4 or 5. Good attendance is also a vital skill for life moving forward. Our **attendance target** is **95%** and we will work with all children and their families to support anyone whose attendance falls below 95% to improve their attendance and avoid having to report to Northamptonshire County Council for potential fining. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ensure that you contact us before 8:30am. We have introduced a new automated messaging service, run by a company called Truancy Call. If your child has been marked absent and we have not heard from you the system will contact you via text, voice call and email until it receives a response. To respond simply follow the prompts that you receive.

As well as good attendance, there is also a focus on punctuality to both school and lessons. The vast majority of our students arrive on time to school and to all lessons. Any student who arrives late without a valid reason will receive a 15-minute lunch time detention, you will be notified of this detention by a text message.

The vast majority of our students behave impeccably, which is often recognised and praised by the numerous visitors that have visited us throughout the year, or people who our students meet when representing the academy at either a sporting fixture, educational visit, residential or student conference. Can I take the opportunity to thank you in your support of us by ensuring your child follows every instruction and demonstrates our Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration values.





On behalf of everyone here at Montsaye Academy I would like to thank you for your support throughout this academic year and we look forward to even more successes together in the next academic year.

Have a good break.

Yours faithfully

Mr Berridge
Assistant Vice Principal

