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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that all students have had a restful summer holiday, and we are looking forward to welcoming Years 8-11 back on Wednesday. We have been busy improving facilities for students over the summer and celebrating GCSE success with last year's Year 11 [here](#).

To make the return to school as smooth as possible, please can you ensure that your child meets our uniform expectations and arrives at school with the required equipment, in particular a pen, pencil and ruler as well as a school bag.

The uniform guidelines can be found using the following link. [Uniform Guidelines \(leftwichhigh.com\)](#)
Please ensure that students have a tie, any unnatural eyelashes removed, false nails removed and are not wearing trainers.

Events across the UK over summer

We will be discussing the civil disobedience across the UK over the summer following the tragic events where 3 young girls were killed during a stabbing incident at a dance class holiday club in Southport, with 10 people seriously injured. In particular, we will talk to students about our CHSL community, belonging, ways of recognising disinformation on the internet and reminders that discriminatory language about race, religion and immigration will not be accepted. We will also signpost students if they have any questions or request support over any issues related to this. For your information, we will show students the below video and will follow up with work in form time and EFL lessons.

[UK riots: What's going on? | Newsround \(youtube.com\)](#)

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance gives students the best chance of success. The summer GCSE results really showed this: students who attended over 95% of the time achieved at least half a grade higher than those who attended below 95%. Please support us by helping your child achieve as close to 100% attendance as possible.



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Can we remind you that if you need to make an appointment for your child, please arrange this for after school or after 2pm. Doing so will ensure students keep their full attendance mark for the day and minimise their time out of school.

If any student is late for school/lessons more than once a day, they will continue to make this time up, after school on the same day and you will be notified about this via text message.

Mobile Phone Policy

Following a successful end of term where the new mobile phone expectations routine was practised, from September:

- Mobile phones are to remain switched off and kept in school bags from 8.30-3.20 (or 3.40 if in detention)
- Phones should not be heard, seen or used during the school day – including corridors, toilets and break/lunchtime.
- If a student has their phone out, they must hand it to the member of staff –at which point it will be stored securely in a locker by their year group’s Educational Support Worker.
- If students have to hand in their mobile phone on more than three occasions, they must hand in their phone at the start of the school day for the following five days.

Improvements to school over summer

Following student voice about a number of areas of school, students will see a range of improvements to school when they returning including fully refurbished upper girls’ and boys’ toilets, additional shelter for outside eating areas and new screens in 28 classrooms. [Here](#).

Year Leaders and Educational Support Workers – 2024-2025

Year Leaders and Educational Support Workers for 2024-25 are all shown below. See also the entrance each year group must use each morning and the dates for the Information Evenings. More details will be sent out nearer to the time.

Year	Year Leader	Educational Support Worker	Entrance	Information Evening
7	Mrs H Marklove	Miss E Hough	PE doors	26/09/24 6pm
8	Mrs E James	Mrs J Roberts	Old main entrance	3/10/24 6pm
9	Mr M Kinder	Miss K Delaney	Student entrance	18/3/25 6pm
10	Mr B Jeffrey	Mrs L Medland	Service Drive entrance	28/11/24 6pm
11	Mrs K Berry	Mrs C Wardle	A15 entrance	12/09/24 6pm

Parent Forum – Date for your Diary

On **Wednesday 27th November**, parents/carers are invited to come into school for a Parent/Carer Forum at 6pm. Again, more details will follow closer to the time, but please add the date to your diaries/calendars!

Data Collection

You will receive a data collection sheet this week. Please sign and return to form tutors with any amendments by **Friday 13th September**.

We will continue to roll out our new communications platform, School Synergy, in the coming weeks. Parents/carers of Year 7 students will receive information about how to register for Synergy either for the first time or add an additional child. We will also be using Synergy to communicate with you via email rather than our current system, InTouch, the emails will look a little different and the format of them will be shared with you, so you know what to expect.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing all students on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Kane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Laura Kane

Deputy Headteacher