

21 July 2020

Dear Year 10,

I write to you as we approach the end of what has turned out to be a very strange and challenging year for everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work that you have put in over the lockdown period and continued to do so once the school had opened up again. You have dealt with a situation unprecedented to all of us and have handled it extremely well.

I would also like to take the time to thank all of your parents and carers who have worked tirelessly to support you with home learning, ensuring the least amount of disruption to learning has taken place. Thank you!

I have only worked with Year 10 since January, but I was immediately impressed with the strength and character of the year group as a whole. I know the character and determination you have demonstrated over the last few months will set the perfect foundations for Year 11. As you are aware, a challenging year lies ahead of you, but one that I am confident you will address with maturity and focus to path the way to a successful future.

As a year group, you are full of incredible talents from a range of areas. It has been overwhelming to see the tremendous capabilities in all subjects and seeing you develop as writers, scientists, artists, athletes, mathematicians and chefs, to name just a few. Work hard at what you enjoy and use this to spur you on to do your very best in Year 11.

Uniform reminder

When you return to school, it is imperative that your uniform is perfect.

You must have:

- A school blazer
- A white collared shirt
- An Oxford Academy tie
- Plain black leather shoes (no trainers, boots, sandals, canvas shoes or high heels)

- Black trousers or skirts (no trousers should be tight fitting at the ankle or have rivets around pockets).

Students must not wear expensive jewellery. One ring only is permitted. Necklaces and chains must be kept to the minimum. One small plain sleeper or one set of stud earrings are permitted in the ear (1 earring in each ear). Facial or nose studs and body piercings are not allowed.

Hairstyles must be appropriate for Academy life, ie no shaved design. This includes unnatural colours and shaved areas as well as the whole head. Coloured nail polish, false nails and excessive make-up including false eyelashes are not permitted.

Equipment

To prevent sharing of equipment, and enforce that staff are not issue equipment, it is really important that students bring a pencil case to school containing the following:

- Pencil case
- Two black or blue pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- A second coloured pen (any colour but green or red suggested)
- Scientific calculator

It would also be useful for pupils to have the following:

- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighters (two or more colours)

I want to finish by saying that although my time as your year leader was very brief. I will hand over Year 10 to Mr Mangan and I will be the Head of Year 8 in September. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you for your efforts over the year. My office door will always be open to you all.



I wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer holidays. Recharge the batteries ready for a great year ahead.

Stay safe and take lots of care over the holidays.

Best wishes,

Mrs Payne

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Head of Year 10