



21 July 2020

Dear Year 7,

It has been a joy for Ms Ward, staff and I to be able to speak to so many of your parents over the last few weeks and hear how many of you are so keen to get back to school in September.

We are very proud of the progress you made as a year group before lock down and how well behaved you were throughout the year. Lots of you received no behaviour points at all throughout the year and the majority had very few – a very impressive achievement! You must keep your high standards of behaviour, excellent uniform and attendance in Year 8.

There were many highlights throughout the year, which included successes inside and outside of the classroom. The four nominations for Year 7 Boys Contribution to Sport were Leyon, Mubarak (winner), Kuan, and Seyi. The four nominations for the Year 7 Girls Contribution to Sport were Fiona (winner), Lizenhia, Xiomara, Erin and Jai. As a year group, you competed very well in many sports including the swimming gala and took part in the many clubs that were on offer.

Many of you were involved in the Christmas Celebration assembly, due to your excellent behaviour, were we watched the film “Nativity” and ate lots of tasty snacks! You also presented yourself to a high standard throughout the year as guides and speakers during the Year 6 Open Evening and other school events. Many of you were able to successfully take part in trips to Oxford University, Jack Peers outdoor learning centre and other cultural enrichment programmes. Your behaviour during these visits was described as excellent by all of those who worked with you.

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 un-natural 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)

Ms Ward will remain with you in year 8 and I will remain with year 7. I know Mrs Payne is really looking forward to welcoming you back as your new head of year 8 in September.

We are really looking forward to seeing you in September and are excited to get back in the classroom.

Best wishes and take care,

Mr Gunn

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Head of Year 7