



## Failure to prepare is planning to fail

Preparing for the school day is very important. Preparation is key for a fruitful day at school otherwise the school day can become very chaotic. Preparing for the school day helps to inculcate many beneficial and important habits which are fundamental in a person's life. Habits such as being independent, organised and responsible are key for a child to cultivate in order to achieve his goal which is to learn and prosper. Hence, the school places great emphasis on students coming to school prepared mentally and physically. Students need to ensure that they have the correct uniform and correct equipment.

### What is the correct uniform and Equipment?

Option A	Option B	Equipment
Navy Blue Pinstripe Jacket	Navy Blue Pinstripe Jacket	Black Biro
Navy Blue Pinstripe Trousers	Navy Blue Pinstripe Trousers (Must be worn underneath the Jabba)	Purple pen
Navy Blue V-Neck Knitted Jumper	Navy Blue V-Neck Knitted Jumper	Red pen
Pale Blue Long Sleeve Shirt with White Button Down Collar	White Thobe (Jabba) and White Topi	Pencil & Rubber
Plain Blue or Navy Socks	Plain Blue or Navy Socks	Ruler
Plain Black Formal Leather Flat Shoes (No black trainers)	Plain Black Formal Leather Flat Shoes (No black trainers)	Planner
Black/Grey or Navy Smart Coat or Jacket	Black/Grey or Navy Smart Coat or Jacket	Calculator
Simple haircuts. Extreme lengths or hair styles are not permitted.	Simple haircuts. Extreme lengths or hair styles are not permitted.	Maths Set

All parents need to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and equipment as mentioned above. It has been seen that those students who worry about how they look in school are not performing and focusing in lessons. Hence, great emphasis is given to uniform and equipment as it will help students focus in lessons and not to be distracted by other things which would affect their learning significantly.

## Being Punctual

It is essential that our students develop good habits regarding punctuality. It is an important life skill, especially regarding their future employment but also in other aspects of their lives. Furthermore, lateness means students lose valuable teaching and learning time and disturbs the learning of others. There are number of ways to improve punctuality.

1. Sleep early and wake up early
2. Prepare everything the night before
3. Set the alarm



Furthermore, it is important that parents support their child to be punctual. It is unfair that a child is late to school due to his parents. We urge all parents to ensure that they are dropping their son off at school before 8.00am so that he is not late.

## Sunday Sports Academy

Well done to all the pupils that attend our weekly Sunday morning sports programme. Due to the success of this we have increased the times of the session from 10.30am – 1am. We currently have 35 boys who have registered their attendance, however, would like to see many more boys attend. The cost is only £1 and the sessions are delivered by qualified sport's coaches. The venue is Moor Park High School's sports centre. For more details please contact Mr Matadar.

## E-Cigs and Shisha Pens

Schools around the country have seen a significant rise in children possessing E-Cigs and Shisha pens at school. This is of great concern considering the harmful effects of E-Cigs and Shisha pens to health as well as spending costs.

Please could parents ensure that their child is not involved in smoking, buying or selling of E-Cigs by checking their bags and possessions.



*"Look to the future, because that is where you'll spend the rest of your life."*

*George Burns*

## Leave of Absence

We would like to make the school's position on term time holidays and leave of absence clear as there seems to be some confusion around this. Previously, schools were allowed to grant leave for family holidays of up to 10 days per year, and of over 10 days in 'exceptional circumstances' at the head teacher's discretion. Now, however, Miss Middlemass cannot grant any authorised absence during term-time, unless in exceptional circumstances. Those circumstances are up to the Principal, but essentially, term-time holidays cannot be authorised.

If your request for leave is unauthorised and you still choose to take your child out of school for a holiday or another reason, you may be fined £60 per child per parent, rising to £120 per child per parent if not paid within 21 days. If the fine is unpaid after 28 days, court proceedings can be initiated. We do not wish to pursue the avenue of fining parents, however, there are some families that are requesting to take their children on holidays during term time despite their applications being rejected. If you wish to discuss this situation please contact your son's Head of Year.

## Extreme Haircuts

Please can we remind parents that extreme haircuts in school are not acceptable as they are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. We ask that parents stick to sensible haircuts when taking their sons to the barbers. Extreme haircuts can be a major distraction in schools and leads to other pupils copying such extreme hair styles.

Examples of haircuts not permitted include:

- 1) Tram lines or equivalent
- 2) Shaved sides with longer hair across the centre
- 3) Excessive use of hair products such as gel



Your support in this matter is appreciated and we ask that if your son's Head of Year contacts you about this you are supportive of the School's stance.

## Next Term Dates

**School will open on Monday 22nd February and finish at 3pm Thursday 24th March. School will re-open on Tuesday 29th March till Friday 8th April.**

*"Leap further than we imagined... Run faster than we aspired... Reach higher than we dreamt... To become the people that the Almighty meant us to be."*