

Our Ref: WIJ/BAM

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are already into week 3 of the new term and it is so good to have students back in the building once again with the chance of a proper start to the school year. This week is our Festival of Sport and a chance for our students to shine for their newly launched House Teams. We wish them fun and success as they participate throughout the week.

Thanks to everyone who have completed and returned the new Home/Academy agreement. This is an important way of cementing the partnership between our staff, students, and parents. It outlines our expectations of your children and you as parents and carers, as well as the things that we promise to deliver to them. The agreement underlines the importance of good attendance and behaviour, and the knock-on effect of these things for improved student outcomes.

I also wanted to remind you of our mobile phone policy. The Academy adopts a “not seen and not heard” policy. Mobile phones should be switched off and kept out of sight in all lessons including Tutor Time and Assemblies and whilst transitioning between lessons, this includes from lessons to either break or lunch. If a student is caught using their phone during these times, the phone will be confiscated and returned to parents 24 hours later. For the full policy please see the link on the website: https://skinnersecondary.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/key_information/SKA-Mobile-Phone-Policy-Sept-2019.pdf?t=1632134629

All other policies such as behaviour and uniform are also available via the Academy website.

Finally, we continue to have high expectations regarding our uniform, I am pleased to say overall students have returned looking incredibly smart and uniform has been excellent overall. Thank you to all the parents/carers for your support with this. From the summer of this academic year, we will be introducing shorts into our uniform offer. This has been in response to our commitment to equality and student voice. Shorts will be allowed to be worn in the summer term which begins on Tuesday 19th April 2022; they will, in due course, be available to order from Simmonds. Please note, that just as the summer dress, it is only shorts purchased from Simmonds that are allowed as part of the uniform.

Yours sincerely



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