



BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we hope that all of our families have had a lovely festive break. We wish you all a Happy New Year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 6th January.

I am just writing today to provide a few reminders about how parents and carers can help their child to make a positive start to the term and to offer our support if there are any families that require this. We understand that, as a secondary school, our students are becoming young adults and can take more responsibility for getting themselves ready and to college on time, but even teenagers still need their parents and carers to help get them into good lifelong habits and ensure they are ready for school each morning, for example:

- Uniform laid out the night before
- Equipment in their bags
- Books for the following day's lessons in their bag, including their sports kit or ingredients if required
- Homework completed and ready to hand in.

Arriving on time for the start of the school day – 8.50am

Each morning, students have their daily mentor lesson or assembly. Being on time each day is extremely important; when students arrive late, they miss important information provided by their mentor, miss the mentor time activities, and may also miss assembly. In all assemblies there are key learning opportunities alongside house celebrations and awards.

Students should arrive no later than 8.50am, enabling them to be in their tutor room by 8.55am.

Uniform and Jewellery

Please ensure that your child returns to the college in the correct uniform. We continue to experience some students not having their full uniform and therefore we have summarised below our uniform expectations as a quick reminder and to support parents to help their child prepare to return. All students must have:

- School blazer
- Shirt and tie
- School trousers or school skirt; leggings are not allowed
- Plain black jumper (optional). Jumpers with logos, or hoodies, are not allowed
- Black school shoes.

Students must not wear any jewellery to school. They may wear a watch and one pair of small earrings. From the start of the new term, jewellery will be confiscated if seen and returned at the end of the day.

Equipment and bag

It is important that all students return ready to learn with all of their learning equipment. We have high expectations of our students' learning, and they need the correct equipment in lessons in order to be successful. The list of required equipment is provided below for quick reference.

- School bag
- A pencil case containing 2 black pens, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a pencil sharpener, a highlighter, and a glue stick

- A scientific calculator
- A water bottle

We will be providing students with a new spring term planner and a new copy of their timetable on Monday morning.

Mobile phones

Please can we politely remind parents and carers that students are not allowed their mobile phones out in the school building at any time. Mobile phones must not be seen or heard between 8.50am – 3.20pm. If they are seen or heard between these times or at any time in the school building, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Please can parents and carers not contact their child during the day using their mobile phones; this encourages the students to look at their phones and results in their phones being confiscated. Receiving texts and calls from parents or carers is not a valid reason for us to not enforce our policy sanction of confiscating the device and it leaves college staff dealing with an avoidable difficult situation.

Support from the college

As always, we would like to stress that the college will always support any student, parent or carer if there are any challenges in purchasing any items of uniform or equipment. Although we have high expectations for our students, we are also a very supportive and caring school community. Please do get in touch if you need support in any way.

We look forward to regularly updating parents and carers on the successes of our students over the coming term and welcoming them back on Monday.

Regards,

Mr Stoneham
Principal