

15 September 2008

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I am pleased to tell you that the school year has started well, if a little wet! We were absolutely delighted with our examination results which are posted on our website if you wish to look at them.

I am writing to let you know of three particular items:

Firstly, you will see that I have enclosed a small cloth badge for the year group that your child is in. You may recall that we have had enamel badges in the past displaying the year group colour and form group letter, ie, L E A R N or S. The enamel badges did not last very long so we have therefore gone for the cloth badges for the current Years 7, 8 and 9 students. The main aim of these badges is to promote group identity both across the year group and within the form groups and they are also extremely useful during other times around the school such as in the lunch queue. I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the badge sewn on to the blazer pocket immediately above the school badge as soon as possible so that by Monday, 22 September 2008 everyone will be displaying their new school badge, thank you. The colour of the badge is the colour of your child's year group, ie, Year 7 are Green, Year 8 are Yellow and Year 9 are Blue. The school lockers are the same colour as the year groups. Your child's year group colour will not change so there will be no need to change the badge on the blazer next year, unless of course you change the blazer.

Secondly, it is an annual requirement that I alert you to the Behaviour Policy of the school which can be found on the school website under the 'Information' tab. An updated version will be posted on the website in due course but in the meantime you can view the current Behaviour Policy. You will also find other policies there and recent letters from school to home. We are aiming this year to keep the school website updated every week and to include all circular letters.

Finally, I have printed overleaf the homework timetable for your child's year group for your information. This should also now be in their planner.

My very best wishes to you for a very successful and enjoyable forthcoming academic year.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher