

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the last days of summer. As we prepare to welcome students back for the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide a friendly reminder about some important arrangements and our school uniform and equipment policy.

School start date:

The first day of the new school year for Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form is Monday 4th September. Years 8, 9 and 10 will start their first day on Tuesday 5th September. Lessons will start at the normal time of 8:40am and the gate will be open for entry at 8:20am. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 and reuniting with all our pupils to embark on a fantastic year of learning.

Uniform and Jewellery

We will continue expecting high standards of uniform. Pupils should wear full school uniform each day including a TWS school blazer, a white shirt, a school tie in the house colour, black trousers or a charleston style skirt, plain black socks below the knee and black formal school shoes.

Pupils will be allowed to continue wearing full PE kit on their allotted PE days. Please be reminded that no branded items of clothing or hoodies should be worn under any circumstance and pupils will have these confiscated if they do. Cycling shorts or hot pants are not part of the school PE kit and should not be worn.

Pupils should ensure they return to school not wearing any visible jewellery including ear piercings, facial piercings or false nails. Pupils wearing jewellery will have it confiscated and a parent will be responsible for collecting.

Equipment

All pupils should be on time and ready to learn. Pupils should arrive at school promptly each day with the necessary equipment.

As a minimum pupils are expected to have:

- An appropriate sized school bag
- A clear see through pencil case
- Two writing pens (either blue or black ink)



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- A pencil
- A ruler
- Courtesy Card
- Choice Card booklet

These items will be checked daily on the entrance to school. Pupils that do not own any of the above stationery items will have the opportunity to purchase these on the door. We will have new Courtesy Cards and Choice Card booklets for pupils that need them.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful school year, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring that your child is ready for the first day of the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

The Whitstable Staff Team



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