

Dear parent/ carer

As we reach the end of the academic year, it is important that we look ahead to the transition our students will make into their next year in September. This year has been very difficult in many ways and we are all looking forward to a more 'normal' year from September with students returning to being taught outside bubbles, moving around the building to and from lessons and being able to enjoy their practical subjects once again.

On Friday 16th July, we finish for the summer holiday. Please note that the school day for students will finish at 12.15 pm.

The new term begins on Monday 6th September for all students in years 8- 13. Year 7 start on Friday 3rd September. Parents of Year 7 students will be sent full details about starting at DACA over the summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some key messages for students about the next year.

Uniform

We appreciate that buying school uniform has been difficult at times this year, but we would like to start in September as we mean to go on with all students looking smart and meeting our expectations with regard to their appearance. Please ensure that for September, your child is equipped with full DACA uniform:

- Blazer
- Shirt and appropriate tie for their year group
- Trousers or skirt Please ensure that if your child chooses to wear a skirt, that it is of an appropriate length, reaching to just above knee level
- Plain black, unbranded school shoes. Please note that black trainers or Converse style pumps are not school shoes and are not acceptable

Bags

It is a requirement that all students have a suitable school bag. Please ensure your child has a bag and the basic equipment required for school each day: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator. Any student who does not come equipped with a bag will be provided with a school-issued alternative.

Year 11 Uniform

Year 10 students will be moving into Year 11 and their uniform is different; a privilege to mark their transition to becoming our senior students. The uniform for Year 11 students is:

- Black suit consisting of black jacket/ blazer with black trousers or skirt
- Please note that if your child chooses to wear a skirt, it should be of an appropriate length, falling to just above knee level. Students who arrive wearing skirts that are too short or too tight, will be asked to change or supplied with a school-issued alternative
- White school shirt
- Plain black, unbranded school shoes. Please note that black trainers or Converse style pumps are not school shoes and are not acceptable
- Year 11 ties will be presented to students at the start of Year 11 so you do not need to buy one

- A black V- neck jumper may be worn with a blazer but not instead of. Round neck jumpers are not suitable

Jewellery and appearance

Our rules about jewellery, appearance, hair, make up and piercings remain the same. Student appearance has to be appropriate for the classroom and meet health and safety requirements.

- No jewellery is allowed other than one pair of studs in the lower ear lobe and a wristwatch
- No piercings other than one pair of studs in the lower earlobe
- False nails and nail paint are not permitted
- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Hair styles should be appropriate and not extreme, with hair a natural colour

PE kit

Next year students will be able to get changed for P.E. lessons in the changing rooms therefore they should not arrive at DACA in their P.E. kit on the days they have P.E. Students in all years should arrive in their full DACA uniform every day.

Our new P.E. kit is available from Surridge, our kit suppliers. The new kit is a more contemporary design and is cheaper than the old kit. Students have worn a variety of clothing for P.E. lessons this year but from September all students should wear the DACA P.E. kit for lessons.

Catering

We will be offering a full canteen service from September with hot and cold food at break and lunch, with breakfast available for those students who want it. We will be operating a cashless system. Student accounts should be topped up by parents/ carers using ParentPay.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about any of the above. Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing all of the children back safely in September after a good summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

Adam Turner

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