

ACR/gbo

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all of our students.

Our three priorities this year are: full attendance, good behaviour and improving outcomes. That's what we will be focusing on.

In that regard, please ensure your child is here every day that they can be. Absence has a huge impact on achievement; indeed, it's the single biggest factor in overall success. For that reason, no holidays will be authorised in term time. All absences should be reported – daily please – on the phone or via the website (top navigation bar). Everyone's aim should be 97% attendance across the year or better, which is no more than 5 days absence across the year.

In terms of behaviour, everyone has the right to learn in a disruption-free environment. Constant low-level disruption will not be tolerated. Please ensure that your son or daughter arrives each day by 08:40 at the absolute latest (the school is open from 08:00 where there is free breakfast), because punctuality is a behaviour trait. Any detentions given are served immediately at the end of the day and are not negotiable. Similarly, Saturday detentions are given for serious issues and served in full school uniform from 09:00 – 11:00. These are part of our behaviour policy, are enforceable and if they are given are also mandatory. Thank you for your cooperation.





Rudeness and disrespect to any of our staff, teaching or support will also not be tolerated. This applies equally to students and their parents. Please show courtesy to us as we try and help you with any queries you might have.

Mobile phones are to be **switched off** and **out of sight** from the moment students enter school through the glass doors until they are off-site at the end of the day. Therefore, if they are **seen** or **heard** at any time they will be confiscated for at least a week. SIM cards can't be collected, nor can they be given back early. Any communication with your son or daughter during the school day from 08:40 – 15:25 **must** be through reception.

If you need to come to school to speak to us you will be welcomed, but you do need an appointment. Staff cannot be available at any time and our teaching takes precedence. Please call us to arrange a time to come in. We can accommodate most requests with a day's notice.

We will enforce our uniform policy robustly, so please take time to ensure that your child has all that is required. It's all on the [website](#).

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If they arrive at school not meeting our requirements, we will lend items if we can. If not, they will be sent home to change. If that's not possible for any reason they will remain working in our Horizon room until the issue is rectified.

Our most important focus is to ensure every child does their best and is proud of their achievements and contribution to our community.

Their learning can be improved specifically by:

1. Reading	They should aim to read for 30 minutes everyday
2. Homework	Homework improves outcomes. Please check they are doing everything they have been set.
3. Practice	In KS4, repeated practice of past exam papers improves marks and outcomes. They should do one for every subject each week
4. Body and Mind	Young people who eat well, sleep well and exercise do best at school.

I look forward to working with you and your children for an excellent year. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr. A. Crofts
Executive Principal