

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Pastoral updates and standards

I am writing to thank you for your support throughout this year in ensuring that your child attends school fully equipped to learn and appropriately dressed in the Academy's uniform.

Alongside some polite reminders about our uniform and equipment policy I also have some important pastoral staffing updates to share with you.

Pastoral staffing updates

Many of you will be aware that the Academy has grown significantly in student numbers over recent years and as such this has led to us recruiting new staff in both academic and pastoral areas. We now have a lower school that has over 700 students and from September 2022 there will be a dedicated Director of Learning and Deputy Director of Learning for years 7, 8 and 9. Below is the list of the pastoral teams for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Year 7

Miss H Smith	-	Director of Learning
Miss S Lee	-	Deputy Director of Learning
Mrs L Robertson	-	Year Group Manager
Mr C Charters	-	Assistant Year Group Manager

Year 8

Mr D Sewell	-	Director of Learning
Miss J McTaggart	-	Deputy Director of Learning
Miss V Preston	-	Year Group Manager

Year 9

Miss A Horsburgh	-	Director of Learning
Mr I Marshallsay	-	Deputy Director of Learning
Ms L Clarke	-	Year Group Manager

Year 10 and 11

Mrs T Thompson	-	Director of Learning
Mrs A Williamson	-	Deputy Director of Learning
Miss R Carter	-	Y10 Year Group Manager
Mrs J Newman	-	Y11 Year Group Manager

Uniform

We expect the highest standards in how our students wear their uniform because we want them to look their best when they come to school. Lots of families will be purchasing new items of uniform over the summer break so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy before any new items are purchased: [Workington Academy Uniform Policy](#). There have been no changes to our Uniform Policy for 2022/2023. However, I would like to take this opportunity to be clear on some of the uniform expectations:

- Students should wear only sensible black formal shoes.
- No jewellery should be worn, except for a watch and one pair of ear studs if desired. Facial piercings of any kind (eg. eyebrow, nose, mouth or tongue) are not permitted, including the use of clear plastic studs.
- Tight fitting leggings are not permitted as part of the everyday uniform.
- Black tailored skirts of a length no more than 5cm (2") above or below the knee are permitted. 'Body con' skirts are not permitted.
- Hair should be kept to a simple style with natural colours only
- All students are required to have a pair of Workington Academy shorts for PE. Workington Academy leggings are optional. Other branded leggings are not permitted.
- False nails are not permitted.

Uniform orders can be placed via our uniform supplier SWI via their website www.swidtp.co.uk or by telephone 01928 752 610. It is useful to order in advanced of September to ensure you have adequate time to secure the correct sizes.

Equipment

It is important that our students have the following items of equipment, including spares, on a daily basis:

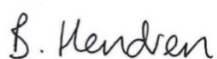
- Black/blue pens
- Purple pens for self- assessment
- Pencils
- A ruler
- A **scientific** calculator (we recommend Casio FX 83-GTX)

Equipment will be checked on a daily basis by your child's form tutor. It is of the utmost importance that your child has a full complement of equipment to ensure there is no lost learning time. Students may continue to purchase equipment from the school library, as has been the case this year.

The vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride and come fully equipped and ready to learn. They are a real credit to the Academy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email (bhendren@workingtonacademy.org) should you require any help or support regarding the above. May I finish by wishing you and your families a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Blake Hendren

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