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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 Reminders

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and families as we settle into Term 2. We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half-term break and that last week, students returned feeling refreshed, motivated and ready to make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Key Dates for Term 2

- Monday 9th to Friday 20th November – Year 11 mock examinations
- Thursday 12th November – Live Lounge, 7pm (tickets available on Arbor)
- Wednesday 18th November – PTA meeting, 7-9pm
- Saturday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fayre, 11am-3pm
- Monday 30th November & Tuesday 1st December – Nasal flu vaccinations (Years 7–11)
- Tuesday 1st December – Year 13 parents' evening
- Saturday 5th December – Santa Bike Ride Charity Event (mince pie donations welcome!)
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Concert, 7pm (tickets on Arbor)
- Monday 14th December – Drop down day
- Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 (early finish - midday)

Attendance

As we enter a busy and exciting term, we encourage students to maintain excellent attendance, arrive punctually each day and continue to take pride in their learning and conduct. Working together, we can make sure that every student achieves their full potential and enjoys a successful experience at Winterbourne Academy.

Regular attendance is one of the strongest indicators of future success. Every lesson counts, and students who attend school consistently make better academic progress, develop stronger relationships and gain the full benefit of school life. Department for Education research shows that pupils who miss just 2-4 weeks of school in Year 11 have around half the chance of achieving a Grade 5 in English and Mathematics compared to those with strong attendance.

When students are unwell, we encourage families to follow NHS guidance when deciding whether they should attend school. The NHS advises that children can usually attend with minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, sore throats and headaches if they are otherwise well.

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However, children should remain at home if they have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, returning once symptoms have improved in line with the guidance.

You can find the full NHS guidance here: Is my child too ill for school?

Uniform

Thank you, as always, for your support in making sure your children arrive smartly dressed and in full uniform. We believe that a high standard of uniform reflects a pride and sense of belonging in our school and presents our students in the best possible light to visitors and the wider community. It contributes to our ethos and sets an appropriate tone, supporting positive behaviour and discipline. It also makes sure that no one feels "different" – we are all part of the same community.

There will be a particular focus on the hoodies, electronic items, jewellery and trousers this term, so please do check the requirements for these; we would like to avoid difficult conversations or confiscations to make sure everyone has a positive start to term. We appreciate your support in ensuring students come to school in the appropriate uniform.

Our uniform supplier is Monkhouse: www.monkhouse.com. You can find our full uniform list, as well as reminders of expectations and actions for non-uniform items, on our website here: https://www.winterbourneacademy.org.uk/Uniform-and-Equipment. If your child forgets a piece of uniform on any day, e.g. their tie, or if they are incorrect uniform, they should go straight to our uniform booth in the atrium when they arrive in school to borrow a replacement.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals or you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit and the household income is less than £16,190, you are likely to be eligible for Winterbourne Academy to support you with up to 50% of uniform costs. Please see more information here: https://www.winterbourneacademy.org.uk/Finance--Payments.

We would welcome any donations of spare uniform and if you have any clean, good condition items that you wish to donate, please bring them into reception.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Mogford
Deputy Headteacher