

12th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Expectations & High Standards

I am writing to you at the start of term 1 of the 2023-2024 academic year at Bexhill Academy to reinforce a number of the key academy standards and expectations for all students. These key rules are outlined in our academy behaviour for learning policy and help us to ensure that we have the highest expectations of our students to be ready for future employment and further education ready.

As parents/carers we would very much appreciate you supporting us in ensuring that when students arrive they are meeting the academy standards and expectations and are ready to learn.

On their return to the academy students will be checked to see if they are meeting the following academy expectations outlined in our academy uniform and behaviour policies:-

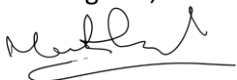
- Students must be wearing black school shoes that can be polished. No trainers will be allowed whatsoever, apart from for PE or use on the astroturf when shoes must be changed.
- Students must wear no jewellery apart from one small stud in each ear lobe and a watch (no smart watches). No bracelets or further piercings are permitted. Nose studs must be replaced with a clear retainer.
- Students must attend the academy in their blazers and wear them throughout the day. Students may remove during lessons by asking the permission of their teacher, and when sitting down to eat at break time.
- Students must not wear fake nails or eyelashes of excessive length. This can cause a health and safety issue.
- Unless exempt for medical reasons, students' mobile phones must be placed in a pouch and not be used during the school day.
- Skirt length is an appropriate knee length, so that the academy badge is visible.
- Students will not wear coats or hooded jumpers in the academy building at any time.
- Students are not to wear over-the-knee socks.

Students who fail to meet any of the expectations set out above will have the opportunity to correct this in a 'Family re-engagement area' which will be equipped with spare school shoes, blazers and retainers that students may borrow for the day. Envelopes will also be provided for students to place excess jewellery in, which will then be kept at student reception until the end of the day. Students will remain in the re-engagement until they meet all of the expectations set out above and will not gain access to the main building until they have done so.

In some circumstances, we are prepared to support parents/carers in the purchasing of certain items of academy uniform. Students with a medical diagnosis and/or require uniform adjustments will be requested to share with us medical evidence from professionals to allow us to apply for an IHCP – Individual Health Care Plan and provide students with our medical / uniform adjustment card.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child and the academy.

Kind regards,



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