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Dear parents

As we approach the end of another successful year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and the work of the children and the staff.

It seems a prudent time to share some end of term information and a few details in preparation for September, as we also say "thank you" and "all the best" to Mr Hirst and wish him well as he begins his retirement (barring GCSE Results Day) as school closes **at 3pm on Thursday 21 July 2022**.

End of term events

As always it is a busy final week, with our Key Stage 3 Prize Giving Evening on Tuesday 12 July; the Celebratory Year Group Assemblies taking place all week (with Year 10 last week), a Year 5 Experience Day on Friday 15 July and the Curriculum Enhancement Activity Days on 19, 20 and 21 July. Staff will also be enjoying visits to Year 10 on their Work Experience placements - please do encourage the students in their temporary jobs, if you see them out and about in the coming weeks.

The last week of term specifically includes:

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| Monday 18 July | - half of Year 9 completing First Aid Training (dress code for these students is as per activity day code below) |
| | - normal school day for everyone else |
| Tuesday 19 July | - the other half of Year 9 completing First Aid Training |
| | - Activity Day, including Year 7 Pleasurewood Hills trip |
| Wednesday 20 July | - Activity Day, including Year 8 Pleasurewood Hills trip |
| Thursday 21 July | - Activity Day, including Year 9 Pleasurewood Hills trip |

Please note: Dress code for the last three days

- Pleasurewood Hills is non-uniform but please check the weather forecast (remind your children not to forget their sunscreen and/or coats!)
- For the days students are not going to Pleasurewood Hills and are in school, they should wear sportswear (however no crop tops - please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the school environment: anyone dressed inappropriately will be sent home)
- In school, normal school rules apply with regard to makeup, jewellery and mobile phones.

Uniform

There are no changes to school uniform at this time, but **please ensure you refer to the school uniform policy** (attached with this letter) **when replacing any outgrown clothing or footwear over the summer** in preparation for September.

A large number of students have ended the term wearing trainers and logo'd shoes rather than the expected school shoes - please be aware that these will not be accepted in September and all students must return to school in the appropriate uniform or expect to be challenged on this.

In particular, please also note that trousers for girls deemed appropriate by Smithdon High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the suitability and/or appropriateness of the school trousers worn by Smithdon students.



Going forward, we would like to build up a stock of Secondhand Uniform to have Preloved Uniform Days, where we can make secondhand uniform items available to parents as an alternative to always purchasing new items. As such, if your child has grown out of any items or is leaving the school this year, we would really appreciate any donations of clean items to the Main School Office to enable these days to take place in the future.

Return to school in September

While we don't want to wish away the holidays, I would like to confirm the return to school dates for September, for those of you booking any last minute holidays.

Monday 5 September - Year 7 only

Tuesday 6 September - Year 7 and Year 11 only

Wednesday 7 September - all year groups return to school

We are already excitedly planning for September and I look forward to welcoming you back into the school in the next Academic year in my new role as the Headteacher of Smithdon High School.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable Summer Holiday.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins,

Mrs A Gibbins
Head of School

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform

- Navy blazer with school badge embroidered on the breast pocket (from school supply) must be worn at all times around the school site. Blazers may be removed in classrooms with the class teacher's permission. In hot weather, the Headteacher may give permission for blazers to be carried instead of worn.
- School 'clip-on' tie (from school supply).
- Grey full length tailored trousers ** – no jeans, chinos, cords, skinny trousers, leggings or jeggings - with plain black socks that come up over the ankle. Trousers must be loose at the ankle (trousers can be purchased from school supply but this is not a requirement)
- Compulsory school skirt (from school supply), with plain black or grey tights or black socks.
- Plain white formal shirt (stiff collared, buttoned to collar and tucked in).
- Black school shoes – no trainers or shoes with sports logo, no high heels, platforms, sling backs or backless shoes. Shoes need to be safe to wear in a variety of school environments.
- Outdoor coats (to and from school) - dark colour.
- No sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, denim or leather jackets.
- If a belt needs to be worn (through belt loops), it must be plain black without motifs, embellishments or decoration. Belt buckles must be plain.
- PE Kit consists of a red polo shirt or football shirt (with name on the reverse), black shorts, black sweatshirt (with name on the reverse) and red socks (all from school supply).

Jewellery

- Piercings – no visible body/facial piercings including tongue piercings, nose piercings and ear 'tunnels' are to be worn: this includes the wearing of clear (or other) retainers.
- One small pair of plain stud earrings may be worn but must be removed to allow students to participate in PE.
- **Please do not allow your child to have a piercing done during term time.**
- No rings, necklaces or bracelets are to be worn (Medical necklace/bracelets are allowed).
- students may wear a wristwatch.

Make-up

- Light make-up may be worn but must be discreet and natural.
- No false eyelashes.
- Hair may not be dyed bright or 'unnatural colours'. Shaved or stylised in a distracting way.
- No nail varnish.

- Acrylic/Gel/Nexgen nails or tips are not allowed in school. This is a Health & Safety risk.

Equipment

Every day students must be prepared to learn with the correct basic equipment: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, they may also find coloured pencils useful. For Maths lessons a compass and protractor will be required.

A scientific calculator is now a compulsory piece of school equipment and students are required to have one with them at all times.

Students are expected to have a reading book with them at all times.

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