

Our Ref: LE2

Thursday 6th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Standards and Expectations

I hope this letter finds you well. As we continue to foster a safe and positive environment for our students, I would like to take this opportunity to outline some important expectations regarding student conduct at the end of the school day.

Uniform Expectations During The Event of Warm Weather

As we approach the end of the school year and hopefully some warmer weather(!), I want to reinforce the importance of ensuring that your children always have their blazers and ties with them unless explicitly directed otherwise. While it might seem tempting to pre-emptively assume that these items won't be needed, it's crucial to follow the specific instructions given by the school.

In the event of warm weather, students will be informed at the beginning of the day by their form tutor if our summer uniform policy is to be implemented. This policy allows students to remove their ties and blazers to ensure their comfort. However, please note that all other uniform standards will remain in place. By ensuring that your children are always prepared with their blazers and ties, you not only help them adhere to the school's dress code but also instil a sense of responsibility.

We appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards of appearance.

End-of-School Day Expectations

At the end of each school day, students are expected to leave the school site immediately unless they are participating in a structured, organised activity such as an after-school club or supervised study session 5. It is important that students do not remain in unsupervised areas, including the canteen area.

Ensuring that students leave the school site promptly helps us maintain a secure environment. Unsupervised areas can pose risks, and it is our priority to ensure that all students are safe at all times. By encouraging students to either leave the site or engage in supervised activities, we promote a culture of responsibility and good behaviour. This helps in preventing any potential disruptions or incidents that may occur in unsupervised settings.

Standards of Behaviour in the Local Community

In addition to conduct within school, it is crucial for our students to exhibit exemplary behaviour when travelling to and from school. We believe that our students are ambassadors of Oldbury Academy and should represent our school in a positive manner at all times.

We expect students to behave respectfully and courteously within the local community. This includes being mindful of their language, actions, and how they interact with others.

We take great pride in our school, and this pride should be reflected in how our students conduct themselves outside of school. Wearing the school uniform should be a badge of honour, and we want our students to be proud representatives of Oldbury Academy.

We would like to remind parents/carers that if a student's behaviour falls below the expectations of our school, appropriate sanctions will be applied. Schools are granted the authority by the Department for Education (DfE) to sanction students not only for unacceptable behaviour within the school but also for conduct outside the school premises. This policy ensures a consistent and respectful environment for all members of our community.

Encouraging good behaviour in the community not only helps in maintaining the school's reputation but also instils a sense of responsibility and pride in our students. We believe that these habits will serve them well in all aspects of their lives.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold these standards. Together, we can ensure that Oldbury Academy remains a safe and respectful environment where all students can thrive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Evans', written in a cursive style.

Mr L Evans
Deputy Headteacher