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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome all students and parents to the new academic year. Last week students made a great start during their first week back at school. As ever, for this to happen they always need support from home so may I take this opportunity to thank you.

School Displays

During the summer, we have carried out extensive work on the schools displays. We have tried hard to make the school more welcoming in its appearance to our students whilst giving important information regarding what they are learning in lessons and what support is available in school. The displays have been well received by our young people and they have added a new vibrancy to the school whilst supporting our culture and ethos.



Rewards

Students have really engaged with our ‘golden ticket’ rewards strategy. Every week each member of staff has 25 golden tickets to give out to students. These can be for anything positive which students demonstrate to staff, for example good manners, working hard in class, producing excellent work and engaging positively in extracurricular activities. When students receive their tickets, they put them in a box of their choice for the prize they would like to win. The prize draw will take place the week before half term and the prizes (an Xbox, mountain bike and £50 voucher) have been kindly donated by local businesses.



Attendance

Attendance to school really does matter. Research shows that those students attending school on time and regularly make the most progress with their learning.

Last week I was hugely impressed with the attendance of students from across all year groups, it was really positive. Alongside this, students were on time to morning line up and ready to start the school day off positively. Thank you to parents and carers who are supporting us to maintain these standards, it is really appreciated and means your child will be successful at school.

We of course monitor the attendance and punctuality of all our students and if we have concerns regarding this, we will of course make contact with you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Uniform

Our students returned looking very smart for their first week back to school. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring your child follows our expectations. Obviously, due to the warm weather last week we made some changes to our expectations, meaning students did not have to wear a tie or a blazer. The forecast for this week is for the temperature to fall, therefore can I ask that your child arrives to school in full school uniform. I have included the requirements below as a reminder. All students must have a blazer please.

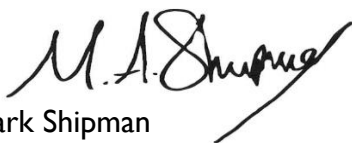
- Navy blazer with school logo
- White shirt
- V-neck grey jumper (optional)
- School tie
- Hijab – where students choose to wear the Hijab it should be plain navy or black
- Black, white or grey socks or black tights
- Plain black full length tailored trousers or knee length pleated black skirt
- Black school shoes

Should students arrive to school in incorrect uniform we will contact home in an effort to resolve this matter with you.

Finally, it was lovely to welcome students back to The Long Eaton School last week, alongside new students joining us in Year 7 and Year 12. They have made a wonderful start to the academic year and I am optimistic for the year ahead.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School



Mark Shipman
Principal