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Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that you all looking forward to a lovely half term and that our students enjoy a well-deserved rest. We would like to remind you of a few key pieces of information for when we return on Monday 5th June 2023.

Uniform

Please can you stress to your children the importance of returning to school with uniform at the highest of standards. We will be discussing this with our students during assemblies in the first few days back. We have also talked with our staff about the need for consistency in challenging the uniform standards and the use of our strike system. We will also share this with our students. It is very important that we complete the school year with the same high standards and energy with which we started.

Please can we draw your attention in particular to the following areas of uniform:

- No trainers are to be worn - the only exception is where a medical note exempts a student from wearing a smart shoe.
- Blazers must still be worn - as the temperature increases, we will allow students to remove blazers when in lessons but we must have students in blazers around the school site.
- The only jewellery permitted is one single plain stud in the ear lobe
- Make up in KS4 should be subtle and false eyelashes or eyelash extensions are not allowed.

Please refer to our uniform guidelines, available here:

<https://www.arden.solihull.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Files/Information/Arden-School-Uniform-2022-23.pdf>

Mobile Phones

Phones should not be out in school; as advised in previous communications, if they are seen or heard they will be confiscated and a named contact will need to come to school to collect it from Reception.

Vapes

We continue to work with our students to help them understand the risks and dangers of vapes. May we again please stress that vapes are a **prohibited item**; if a student is found to be in possession of a vape in school, the sanction for this is suspension from school.



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Further information about the health risks of vaping can be found on the link below:
<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/vaping-to-quit-smoking/#young-people>

Punctuality

As with our reiteration of standards on uniform, we will also be taking a firm stance on punctuality and challenging students who are not punctual to their learning. The late arrival of students delays and disrupts the learning of all, which is unfair and detrimental to the vast majority of students who are punctual to their lessons. We will be making this point again to our students and our staff will challenge late arrival to lessons. As you know, if a student receives 3 late marks in one week, they receive a pastoral detention of one hour after school. Please may we ask you to speak with your children about this to help ensure that they do not accrue detentions, nor impact the effective learning across the school site.

The final half term of the year is always an exciting one, with lots of opportunities and showcase events. Amongst these we look forward to welcoming our Year 6 to school for their Induction Day, a day we look forward to each year as we welcome the youngest members of the Arden family to our school community. The following events we look forward to and will share more information with you in due course:

- School Production
- Enrichment Week
- Sports Day
- Awards Assemblies

Water Bottles

We would like to remind the students that they can bring a bottle of water/refillable bottle with them and they can refill these at the drinking water facilities in school. We encourage this to help us reduce the amount of plastic waste we accrue. We are currently arranging for extra water taps to be installed around the school site for the students to use.

Contacting School

During the half term break, the school office emails will be monitored and emails will be sent on to the applicable member of staff, but please do not expect a reply until week commencing 5th June when school re-opens.

Have a lovely half term!

Kind regards



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Associate Headteacher