

29th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised, I am writing once again to keep you up to date with what is currently happening at the academy in preparation for our start in September under a new name, *Castle View Academy*.

Inset

Monday, 2nd July, will be an Inset day for staff at school which means there will be no lessons for your child. We do however encourage them to continue with some form of learning while at home. All students have Hegarty Maths set up and a range of homework activities and reading tasks.

Tuesday, 3rd July will be a normal school day again.

School dates 2018-19

We have finalised our term dates for the coming academic year and these can be found on our website. As we have a significant number of changes for the coming academic year, the first two days of the new school year will be Inset days. This means that ALL students will return from the summer break on Wednesday, 5th September. Please ensure that your son or daughter is ready to begin school on this date.

Uniform

By now you should be familiar with the changes to the new uniform and your child should have been sized by the school. The form that was sent home with your child indicates the sizes for uniform and contains a price list for Price & Buckland and Penelope Ann. **This is for your information in the event that you wish to purchase extra items.** All orders and monies for additional items should be with us by no later than **Wednesday, 18th July 2018.**

The uniform items purchased by the school (and any additional items you may order) will be available for collection in the main hall, on Tuesday – Friday, 28th-31st August, between 9:00-14:00.

All students will be expected to be in the correct uniform for the first day of school, Wednesday, 5th September 2018.

Please be aware that if your daughter chooses to wear the dark grey/charcoal trousers, they must also wear the long sleeve shirt and tie. If they do not want to wear a tie, they must wear the skirt and square collar blouse.

In my last letter, I referred to our new Uniform Policy. For clarity, I wish to highlight the following expectations that come into force from September:

Makeup: Students may only wear light, un-noticeable makeup.

Eyelashes and Nails: Students are not allowed to wear false eyelashes or false nails. Nail varnish must be clear, no colour is allowed

Hairstyles: Hair styles should not be extreme (extreme = grade 1) and hair must be a natural colour. Hair bands, if worn, should be either navy blue or black. No shaved styles such as zig zags or tram lines are allowed. Religious headwear must be black/navy and plain in style.

Earrings: One plain gold/silver stud may be worn in each lobe if ears are pierced. No other facial/body piercings or stretchers are acceptable and will be confiscated if seen.

Jewellery: A watch is permitted however **no other jewellery may be worn or brought to the Academy.** Students wearing a piece relating to their religion should speak to their Key Stage Manager to avoid issues.

For further information, you can view the full policy on our website: <http://kingrichardschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Uniform-Policy-2018-2019.pdf>

Behaviour Policy

On the 1st March, United Learning introduced a modified Behaviour Policy. The revised and full policy is now available to view on our website. For clarity, I would like to bring the following aspects of the policy to your attention:

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT AND REWARDS

We recognise the power of making explicit the desired standards of behaviour for learning and positively reinforcing high standards of learning and co-operative behaviours. This has both an impact on teaching and has a motivational role in helping students to realise that good behaviour is valued.

As appropriate to student age, rewards from September will include:

Verbal praise	Attendance awards
Written comment on work	Certificates
EPraise reward points	Wall of Excellence
Telephone call to parents	Special awards at Achievement evenings/ Assemblies
Positive letter home	Motivational rewards/prizes
Praise Postcards	

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS

The Academy believes strongly in the power of working in close co-operation with parents and the rights and desirability of parents being actively involved in the education of their child. The Academy will therefore seek to involve parents/carers in behaviour issues that affect learning. Approaches will include:

Telephone calls	Request to attend re-integration meetings
Meetings	Student Planners, which allow for two way communication
Letters	Invitations to agency meetings
Supporting students on reports	Follow up & routine communication
Partnership Agreement	

BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

Students who breach the Academy’s Behaviour for Learning Policy whilst on Academy business such as trips and journeys, sports fixtures or a work-experience placement will be dealt with in the same manner as if the incident had taken place at the Academy.

For incidents that take place outside the Academy and not on Academy business, this guidance will still have effect if there is a clear link between that behaviour and maintaining good behaviour and discipline among the student body as a whole. This includes behaviour in the immediate vicinity of the Academy, within a distance from the Academy or on a journey to and from the Academy.

Castle View - #CV Proud Card

All students will be issued with the #CV Proud card in September. This ensures a high standard of uniform and personal responsibility for personal actions at all times. The #CV Proud card will be checked each morning by the Student Entitlement team and Tutors during roll call.

- If challenged, staff will sign and date the **#CV Proud card**, highlighting the breach of expectations
- Repeated failure to take opportunities to rectify and adjust expectations will result in 3 signatures on the card and a subsequent internal exclusion session being sanctioned
- If lost, damaged or forgotten, a new card will be issued to students and two signatures added
- Each week, students who have zero signatures will be rewarded with EPraise points and entered into a weekly prize draw for their year group

# CV PROUD			
Name			
Tutor Group			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Incorrect uniform	Date:	Date:	Date:
Swearing			
Lack of equipment			
Not following staff	Staff:	Staff:	Staff:
Instructions—(social)			
Poor corridor / break			
Poor assembly / lesson			
Not representing self or school with pride			

Curriculum 2018–19 and Options

United Learning have very clear guidance for their schools on the curriculum offered to children and of subjects studied. The aim of a United Learning Curriculum is to provide an excellent education for all students which brings out the best in all of them and prepares them for success in life. Each United Learning school must therefore offer a curriculum which provides children with the core knowledge they need for success in education and later life, maximises their cognitive development, develops the whole person and the talents of the individual and allows all children to become active citizens and economically self-sufficient.

United Learning expects schools to provide the full National Curriculum throughout KS3, including PE, RE, music, art and a selection of technology subjects. In order to do this, schools must retain a three-year KS3. This means in particular that students do not drop subjects before the end of Year 9, and the full content of the United Learning Curriculum is taught before moving to GCSE content in those subjects.

Due to the above, students in Year 7 who had chosen to ‘drop’ a performance subject will no longer be able to do so.

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Year 7/10 Parents evening

As we are moving quickly to a United Learning assessment and reporting process, we have taken the decision to postpone the second parent consultation evening until the autumn term. Parents wishing to speak to subject teachers before the summer break can make appointments through their child's Form Tutor or Head of House.

Good News and Events

Last weekend, a group of Year 8 and Year 9 students performed at the *Paulsgrove Carnival*. They had an hour set on stage and played and sang familiar songs like *Havana*. Cllr Steve Pitt wrote to us to express his thoughts on their behaviour and performance: "Their behaviour was impeccable, they were polite and easy to interact with and a credit to you and King Richard's."

On Wednesday of this week, Year 5 and Year 6 students from St Pauls visited the school for a fun filled afternoon of sport. The students competed in football, games and athletics. Even in the extremely hot conditions, they showed great determination and resilience all afternoon. They will be back with a number of other local primaries to compete in the Paulsgrove Athletics Cup on Wednesday, 18th July.

This week saw the school production of *Bugsy Malone* performed by some of our Year 7-9 students. They did a remarkable job at staging an incredible performance and we couldn't be more proud of them. Thank you and well done to all the staff and students involved – your hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

On Thursday, 5th July, a small group of able students from our feeder schools will be visiting with our Science department to experience the wonder and awe of biology, chemistry and physics. They will watch and participate in experiments and have an opportunity to record their findings followed by an award ceremony in our Main Hall.

Our Year 11s have their prom on Wednesday, 11th July at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley. This event signals the last time we will have them together as a group before they start preparing for college or apprenticeships. We had a few emotional students at their Leavers' Assembly last week as they reflected on their time here at school and the memories they have made. We wish them the best of luck for the very bright futures they have ahead of them.

I will write to you again in two weeks' time with further updates and good news for September.

Until then, if you have any questions about the content of this letter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Principal