



20 August 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

We hope you and your child are enjoying the summer holidays. As we enter the final fortnight of summer, I write to provide a very brief update on some staffing changes and to confirm arrangements for September.

As the new year approaches, I would like to remind all families of our clear expectations regarding uniform. The full details are found here: <https://gps.hslt.academy/uniform/> and there are no changes from information provided throughout the last academic year. As a reminder, students must wear:

- A plain white shirt with school tie
- A black blazer with school badge
- A grey slipover with school badge (students in Year 11 may wear the black version)
- A tie with grey/blue/gold stripes (students in Year 11 may wear the black version)
- Black tailored trousers - straight leg traditional style which must be loose at the ankle
- Pleated black skirt (no pencil skirts or tight-fitting skirts) worn with black tights (some older students may wear the old school kilt)
- Plain black flat leather or leather look **shoes** or plain black **trainers** (no visible logos or other colour).

Students are permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings; all other piercings and jewellery must be removed before arriving at school and clear retainers can be worn. Hair should be a natural colour and style. False eyelashes, false nails and excessive make-up are not permitted. If you have any queries about uniform, please email hello@gps.hslt.academy. Please help us have a positive start to the new academic year by ensuring your child complies with our uniform expectations - we appreciate your support.

Please note that **all** students return to school on **Tuesday 3 September at 8.40am**. All students use the main student entrance on Moor Lane. Gates open at 8.35am with breakfast club available from 8.10am every day. Our revised school day begins in September with tutor time beginning at 8.45am and school ending at 3.15pm every day.

As you may be aware, there have been a small number of staffing changes this summer. At the end of term, we said goodbye to a number of staff:

- Mrs Kershaw, School Cook
- Mr Phillips, Senior Learning Mentor
- Ms Wales, Teacher of Modern Languages

and we look forward to welcoming the following colleagues to school in September:

- Mr Hodgson, Teacher of History
- Miss Dubois, Teacher of French and German

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As you may be aware, your child has an account on Reading Plus, an exciting online resource to help all students enhance their reading skills and read for pleasure more often. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were introduced to the Reading Plus Summer Challenge by their English teachers at the end of term and it is not too late to try to win! There are exciting prizes to be won - one prize for the school with the most average reading lessons, one prize for the class with the most average reading lessons and a Bonus Challenge for the Home Reading Champion. Students who return their completed Bingo Resource will be in for a chance to win a £50 Book Voucher, a trophy, and a certificate. Students should return their completed worksheets to school before Friday, 13th of September, 2024. We would love you to encourage your child to read during the last two weeks of the holidays on Reading Plus and help prevent the summer reading dip.

I hope all members of the George Pindar School community enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to seeing our students again on Tuesday 3 September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Welsh'.

Lesley Welsh
Principal