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Dear Parent / Carer

## Summer uniform and a reminder on our behaviour expectations

As we enter the final half term of the academic year, and further to my assembly to all students last week, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of our behaviour policy and to ask for your continued support as we apply our behaviour procedures.

This year, as recognised in our Ofsted inspection, the learning environment in school is the calmest it has been. The vast majority of our students behave impeccably and when warnings are given, in line with our procedures, they respond to them appropriately. Parents and carers are able to see any Phase 2s or Phase 3s which have been given on the Edulink App or by accessing the Edulink website. If you require a reminder of your Edulink log in details, please contact reception. When students reach a Phase 3, they are removed from lessons and given a twenty-minute detention which takes place on the next day. I would like to ask for your support in reminding your child to attend when they have been given a detention. Students who receive a Phase 4, either for a serious incident, for an accumulation of Phase 3s or for repeatedly missing detentions are placed in our Reflection Room where they are expected to work in silence on a Chromebook with access to their lessons via the Google Classroom application. Our Reflection Manager sends a message home when students have been placed in reflection and I would like to ask for your support in encouraging your child to attend the Reflection Room if students are given this sanction. For the most serious incidents, students are sanctioned with a suspension or, if necessary, with a permanent exclusion. Full details of our procedures can be found here: GPS Behaviour Policy and if you have any queries, or wish to discuss your child's behaviour, you can contact your child's Head of House by following the links on the website.

Although the weather is currently changeable, this is the season for our summer uniform adaptation and students are **no longer required to wear their blazers** but the rest of the uniform remains as per the list below:

- Plain white shirt with collar and school tie
- A grey slipover must be worn (a black slipover can be worn by Y10 students)
- Black tailored trousers traditional style straight leg which must be loose at the ankle and not skinny fit
- A pleated black skirt or school kilt may be worn as an alternative to trousers (pencil / tight-fitting skirts are not acceptable) with black tights

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- Plain black flat leather / leather look shoes or plain black trainers or plain black boots
  must be worn footwear must have no visible logos or other colour so they must be plain
  black only
- Socks must be plain black, white or grey
- Tracksuit tops, denim jackets, sweatshirts and similar are not permitted as coats.

Our new uniform guidelines take effect from 2 September 2025 and further details will follow.

The only permitted jewellery is one pair of stud earrings; plastic retainers should be worn during the school day if students have other piercings. I would also like to stress that false eyelashes and false nails of any type are not permitted. Students are expected to remove false eyelashes and false nails before arriving at school. Students who refuse to remove false eyelashes or false nails will remain in the reflection room until they do.

All students are given a planner at the beginning of the academic year and they should bring this to school every day along with a black / blue pen, a green pen, a pencil, a ruler and a calculator. This equipment should be carried in a school bag. Reward stamps are logged in student planners and students can exchange these points for a variety of rewards including 'queue jump' passes for lunchtime, 'tuck shop' vouchers, ice cream vouchers and much more.

The home-school relationship is hugely important in helping all students to achieve success. I appreciate that on occasions things can go wrong and if this is the case, I would like to remind parents and carers that they can contact reception to ask for further clarification. Our Trust values are respect, teamwork and kindness and I would like to remind all parents and carers that we seek to operate in this way. If you have a concern, please raise this via reception in the first instance and they will direct you to the most appropriate colleague to support you. I would like to thank you, as always, for your support as we seek to help your child strive for success at George Pindar School.

Yours sincerely

**Lesley Welsh** 

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