

18 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, it is a suitable time to remind you of some of our expectations at Appleton Academy.

### **Uniform**

Students must wear black polishable shoes. Under no circumstances will trainers be acceptable. If a student is unable to attend in the correct footwear, they will be given school shoes to borrow on that day. If they refuse, they will be removed from the normal school day activities and will spend the day working with their form tutor or Head of Year. This also applies to the rest of the uniform, which must be dark grey tailored trousers and not leggings, white shirt, tie, and blazer.

Uniform is an important part of the Academy's identity, and we trust you will support us in continually striving to increase standards.

### **Punctuality**

The first lesson of the day starts at 8.40am. Arriving late to school not only puts the person who is late at a disadvantage, but it also unfairly disrupts teaching and the learning of other pupils who have arrived at school on time. Parents should also be aware that lateness, and persistent lateness in particular, also has an impact on your child's attendance record. We want students to leave Appleton prepared for working life, and being punctual to school is an important part of this.

### **Detentions**

The vast majority of our students behave perfectly throughout the school day. For the minority of students who do not always get it right, we do implement detentions after school. These are not negotiable and are usually issued after the student has continued to misbehave despite being given numerous warnings. We would appreciate your support in discussing this with your child after they have sat the detention. Students failing to attend detentions will be removed from circulation the following day. Please also be aware that the Academy does not need parental permission to place a child in detention, even after school. This is set out in the following DfE guidance: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/488034/Behaviour\\_and\\_Discipline\\_in\\_Schools - A guide for headteachers and School Staff.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488034/Behaviour_and_Discipline_in_Schools_-_A_guide_for_headteachers_and_School_Staff.pdf) (see page 10, item 31).

### **Piercings**

These need to be limited to a small stud in each ear. For health and safety reasons, anything other than this is a potential injury risk to your child. We would ask you that you speak with your child about this if they have multiple piercings.

As always if you have any questions about the above, please forward your query to [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk)

The Academy has made great progress on standards of behaviour and teaching and learning (as evidenced in our recent good judgement following our Ofsted inspection). I would like to thank parents for your continuing support of the work we are doing at Appleton Academy to achieve these continuing improvements.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Hirst".

Mr D Hirst  
Leader of Behaviour and Attendance