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Dear Year 8-11 Parents and Carers (and for information to Year 7 Parents and Carers)

Important Reminders for the Start of Term

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are well rested and ready for the challenges of a brand new school year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back in school tomorrow.

To help ensure a smooth return and that students have all they need on their first day back, could I please ask that you read the helpful reminders below, and to check the attached uniform and appearance guidance carefully.

All of us get out of school routines over the lovely long summer break, so I hope this brief checklist will help to ensure a positive transition back to school on Tuesday.

Please note that due to the very hot weather shorts and short-sleeved shirts may be worn for the first 2 weeks of term.

- **Lunch Money**
Top-up lunch accounts online
- **Transport**
Check bus/taxi times and collection/drop points and remember your bus pass!
Car drop-off/collection must ONLY be at the 3 designated points off site (see the Transport page of the school website).
Please do not use the staff carpark to drop and/or collect.
Collection at the bus park is only possible after buses have left at 3:50pm.
- **School Bags**
Check contents: water bottle, well stocked pencil case, reading book, subject books from last year (and any homework!), lunch/snack.
PE kit if required.
- **Mobile Phone** (if required)
Must be switched off and handed in to Reception on arrival or kept out of sight in the student's bag throughout the school day (unless required for medical purposes). It cannot be kept in pockets or used/checked during the day.
Parents and carers, please do not contact your child on their mobile during the school day or it will be confiscated and you will be asked to come in to collect it. To get an urgent message to a student please call the office.
- **Uniform and Appearance (see attached information)**
Please ensure that all items and uniform brought in to school are clearly and permanently named, including bags and pencil cases. We have a small selection of second-hand items available, please contact the SSGC if you would like to view anything. Donations of any out-grown uniform are always most welcome!
- **Absence**
Should your child not be well enough to come to school, please **telephone the school as early as possible**. Please speak slowly and clearly, giving the student's full name, tutor group and the reason for their absence.

General reminders

- **Hair**
No colouring or extreme styles (e.g. patterned/uneven/shaved/long).
- **Jewellery**
Nothing on wrists (other than a watch), around fingers or necks, and only one small stud or ring in the lobe of each ear – no other piercings are allowed and must be removed before coming to school.
- **Make-up**
Discrete make-up allowed in Years 9-11 only. Nail varnish is not permitted.
- **Shoes/socks**
Formal, polishable school shoe with a low heel. No trainer/skate style shoes.
If they are made by a sporting/leisure brand e.g. Nike/Vans, they will not be suitable for school.

Black socks for all – no white, grey, coloured/patterned.

- **Skirts/Trousers**

Pleated Kitz skirt and formal trouser only.

Skirts to be worn at or just above the knee (i.e. not rolled up) with plain tights (if desired).

Trousers to meet the top of the shoe.

Any skirts or trousers not purchased from Kitz must be an exact match to theirs please.

- **Jumper/Coat**

School jumpers and coats only.

No other jackets/tops/coats/PE hoodies to be worn, sleeves must be down.

Hopefully, you will have been able to put a tick next to all of those basic checks, but as always, please do contact your child's Tutor should there be any issues preventing a smooth transition back to school on Tuesday.

Don't forget that lots of information is also available in the Parent Handbook which can be found on the school website: [Beaminster School Prospectus \(Parent Handbook\)](#)

Finally, please read the attached important information issued by Dorset Council regarding the **importance of good school attendance**. We hope we can return to much improved attendance levels for all students this year.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everybody back in school tomorrow.

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