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Council**

Dear Parent/Carer

The following provides details relating to our last term of session 2023-24.

New Timetable

Our new timetable for session 2024-25 will commence as follows:

- Tuesday 28th May - New S2, S3, S4 year groups
- Thursday 30th May – New S5 year group
- Friday 31st May – New S6 year group

This early transition is intended to allow pupils to move onto their next level of study, maximising the amount of time pupils will get to prepare for their SQA exams.

Uniform for Senior Pupils

Pupils moving into the senior phase (new S4), are now eligible to wear a senior tie and blazer. Details of our uniform suppliers are below. Please note ties can also be purchased from the office.

Uniform Suppliers:

School Wear Made Easy:

www.schoolwewearmadeeasy.com

Baru:

www.kitmykid.co.uk

Set School Wear

www.schoolwearsotland.com/



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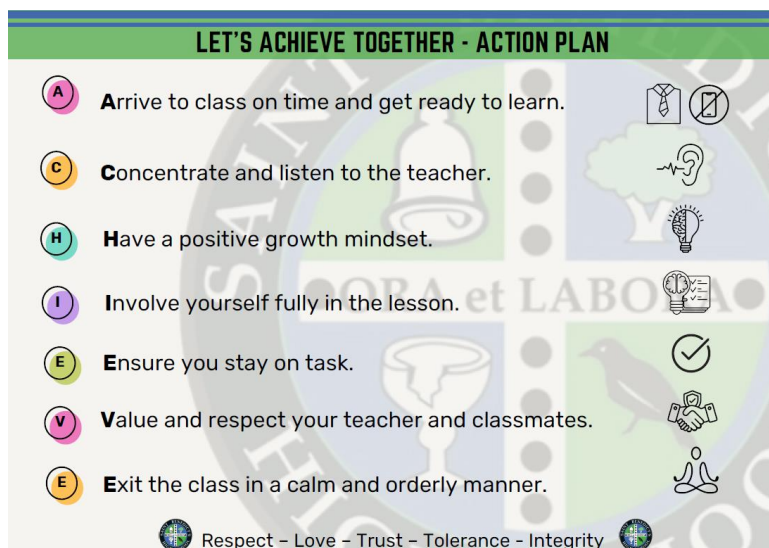


“Let’s Achieve Together” Learning and Behaviour Policy

We are also introducing an **enhanced learning and behaviour policy**, to ensure we have the best possible conditions for our young people to flourish and thrive in their educational learning journey.

Our revised policy, devised in consultation with key stakeholders, provides a series of expected positive actions for pupils during class lessons.

Our Action Plan



Merit system

An online awards system will be introduced to encourage our young people in making these good decisions.

Pupils will be awarded an online “merit” per lesson in recognition of successful completion of the “Let’s Achieve” actions. Pupils who consistently do this will then be eligible to receive and participate in our rewards events across the session. If a pupil does not meet the criteria of the “Let’s Achieve” policy, their merit will be removed with a notification sent to parents providing reasons for this.

Individual pupil merits will be tracked on a daily, lesson to lesson, basis. Parents (and pupils) will have access to this information through SACHEL ONE website and app.

Links

<https://www.satchelone.com/login>

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/2912165-logging-in-as-a-parent>

Mobile phones

The vast majority of pupils now bring a mobile phone to school. I understand for most parents this can be reassuring, as a safety support as your child goes to and from school as well as being a means of communication.

However, whilst there are many benefits, mobile phone usage continues to be a significant distraction within the classroom and in general across the school day. Social media, games and notifications can divert pupils' attention away from learning.

In line with most schools in Renfrewshire, in order to manage this and remove its negative impacts, pupils will be directed to store their phones in a specially designed classroom "phone box" as they enter the classroom. These boxes are fitted with individual foam inserts removing the risk of damage. Please note medical exemptions will apply for pupils requiring their phone to be on their person. On exiting the classroom, they will collect their phone.

Dressing for Excellence Uniform Policy

I would also remind parents of the importance of wearing full school uniform. Items such as hoodies / leggings / joggers / visibly branded trainers e.g. 'converse style/Nike dunks' trainers are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn. Pupils will be asked to remove these (or be supported to change into appropriate wear) when in the building. Although, this only involves a small number of pupils, it can take up a significant amount of time which would be better utilised elsewhere. I would again ask for your proactive support to ensure this is a task not required of our school staff.

The summer newsletter will be issued shortly, clearly showing the variety of outstanding achievements and activities across the year groups. It is always a good read!!!

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. It is this that allows St Benedict's High school to be a successful learning environment which benefits all of our young people.

Yours sincerely,

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