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Dear Parent/Carer

On behalf of all staff at the Academy, I would like to thank you for your support over the last half term. It has been a busy few weeks in the academy and we are proud of the achievements of our students.

Academy Updates

We are writing to update you regarding some changes within the academy following the Easter break.

Leadership Capacity

We are pleased to announce that Mr Skidmore will be taking up the position of Lead Principal in the Middlesbrough and Redcar community. This role will add some additional capacity to the Outwood schools in this area. Mr Skidmore will be spending some of his time in Ormesby after the Easter break. He will work closely with Mrs Trattles (Community Executive Principal) and myself as Principal. This has no impact on my role and I will still be here permanently as Principal.

Lockdown Procedures

In light of recent news and increasing events across the country where schools are, sadly, having to move into lockdown, we are reinforcing our lockdown procedures. We will be doing so over the next few weeks within school, in a way to educate our students on why these are needed in the event of an emergency, how they will operate, and what to do in any such instance.

To reassure parents, this is not in response to any incident within the academy, but simply a tightening of our procedures to ensure that students are prepared in the very rare occasion that such measures are required. This will also support students to not be concerned or worried should we need to use these procedures.

Should parents have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Manager/Pastoral Lead in the first instance.

Key Dates for the Diary

Please find below some key events and dates for the diary over the next few weeks.

- Monday 5 May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6 May - Start of our Year 11 GCSEs
- Parents Evening - 17th June 2025



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I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our expectations following the Easter break:

GENERAL












- Students must bring a suitable school bag with them every day. Bags must be big enough to fit an A4 folder. Students will be expected to loan an academy bag if they come without one.
- Basic equipment such as a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber should be brought every day. These should be in a pencil case.
- Students may bring a coat to school. This must be worn over the blazer. Due to students walking outside between blocks these can be worn between lessons but must be removed in classrooms. Please note that body warmers, fur coats and hoodies are not considered to be coats.
- Socks should be plain black.
- Skirts must be worn with tights - these should be a minimum of 40 denier.
- Jumpers are optional but must be a plain black knitted V neck jumper (they do not need to be purchased through Trutex). No other tops may be worn.

JEWELLERY and MAKEUP

- No items of jewellery are allowed (other than a watch). **Clear plastic piercing retainers are also not permitted.** Please note smart watches are not permitted.
- Medic alert jewellery is permitted. Please discuss individual cases with the Head of School..
- False nails / gel nails / nail polish are not allowed.
- Makeup must be discrete. If it is noticeable then it is not discrete.
- False eyelashes of any kind are not allowed.
- Sometimes students tell us that they cannot remove gel nails or false eyelashes, or take out a piercing because it will heal up. These are not acceptable reasons as we have repeatedly made our policy very clear, which states that these items should not be worn in school. Any student intending to have a piercing, should do so at the very start of the summer holiday, so that the jewellery can be removed by the time that we return in September. **If your child gets false eyelashes or nails during the holidays, we would expect that they are removed before returning to school.**

SHOES (and medical evidence)

- Please refer to the Trust “shoe guide” which can be found [HERE](#)
- Shoes should be plain black (leather or leather-like). Shoes with gold / silver buckles or trims, boots, pumps, trainers, jelly or canvas shoes are not allowed
- Embellishments of any kind including orbs, bows etc are not permitted.
- If your child requires a different type of footwear for medical reasons then you should arrange an appointment in school with a member of the senior leadership team where medical evidence will be required. In this event, any trainers allowed must be plain black and unbranded.
- We know that a lot of our students wear Kicker shoes. These are appropriate for school; however, Kicker boots are not permitted. Please see images below for clarification:

Kicker shoes (Permitted) 	Kicker shoes (Permitted) 	Kicker boot (NOT permitted) 
		
Shoes (Permitted) 	Shoes (NOT Permitted) 	Shoes (NOT permitted) 
		

SKIRTS

Skirts must be worn correctly at all times and may not be rolled up, modified or gathered in any way. Where a pupil has rolled a skirt then this will be deemed to be a deliberate uniform misdemeanour and a sanction will be issued. There are no exceptions to this. If a skirt does not fit correctly for any reason, then it remains a parent or carer's responsibility to ensure that a different size is purchased. The academy will help where it is able, for example by loaning a size that fits. Should your child need a bespoke size, for any reason, please arrange to meet with the relevant Pastoral Leader who will support.

We will continue to offer a logo and a non-logo option next year.

Moving forwards, the guidance on skirts is as follows:

- Must be plain black and in a tailored formal style.

- Tight fitting, tube skirts are not acceptable.
- Must sit on or just above the knee
- Must not be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric.

I hope that you and your family have a restful and peaceful break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr J Bridge', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Bridge
Principal