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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of this academic year, I write to advise you on a number of issues.

The school uniform list (overleaf) will assist you in purchasing the appropriate items. Please note the sections concerning footwear, jewellery, hairstyles (including "number 1" styles) and make-up, as well as the clothing requirements. I would also remind you that should you wish to purchase a school skirt for your daughter, please be aware that many 'fashion' skirts are unsuitable as they are very short in length and do not meet the school uniform requirements (approximately knee length). Ties are also available from the school.

I would remind you that the regulation school sweater is available from our uniform supplier and that **all students are expected to purchase this item when renewing their existing sweater**. We are now holding a stock of sweaters in school and they are available to purchase from Mrs. Southwell. Students are also expected to wear plain black tailored trousers which are not skin tight or jeans/canvas material.

Also this year as part of a Flintshire Nightingale House initiative we are joining a 'Uniform Exchange' scheme. Our students can donate any unwanted or unused school uniform by either dropping it off in school or at any Nightingale House Hospice shop. This can then be sold on to generate much needed funds for Nightingale House. Students will be given details of how items can be donated in the coming weeks.

Following discussions with staff and students, our school day will look slightly different next year. There will be five one hour lessons with a twenty five minute registration/tutorial period to start each day. A 15 minute break will be taken at 10.15am and lunchtime will run from 12.30-1.15pm. The start and finish times remain the same at 8.50am and 3.15pm respectively.

I would remind you that students should not phone or text home directly to report medical issues and would ask you to come into reception to collect your child if taking them off the premises. This will assist us in monitoring students' illness and their whereabouts.

I am pleased to inform you that we raised a substantial amount for our chosen charity last term. Many fundraising activities were held and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Please note the following dates for the beginning of the September term:-

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 – Staff Training Day  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 – Year 12 enrolment  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 – School begins for all Students in Years 7 – 13  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 - Half term  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 – Christmas holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 – Staff Training Day  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 – School begins for all students Years 7 – 13

Next week we look forward to our activity week including Sports Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> we have a Global Citizenship Day, on Tuesday and outdoor activities trip and on Wednesday an in-school sports activity day. Year 8 students are allowed to wear appropriate non-uniform on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. However, they are expected to wear school uniform on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 (our last day this term).

Yours sincerely

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