



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the half term break and extended bank holiday. As this final half term gets underway, I would like to draw your attention to some key points to ensure we have a successful and enjoyable last few weeks of the academic year.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Please ensure your child attends school every day in the summer term and arrives before 8.40am in the morning. Being on time is a good habit for children to learn for later life.

We know from experience that pupils with higher levels of attendance at school are far more likely to achieve grades in line with expectations. Being in lessons and learning at school is a fundamental building block to success. Please ensure your child attends school every day unless they are too ill. We will always work with families to overcome any challenges that may impact on attendance, and your support is crucial.

We are seeing an increase in the number of parents and carers collecting their child from school at 3pm using their car. Wherever possible we would encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school and appreciate the vast majority already do so. However, if you must use your car to collect your child, please park responsibly and in line with the Highway Code so that all pupils can safely cross the roads outside school. If you can arrange to meet your child a few streets away from school this would help reduce the congestion immediately outside the school gates.

### **Uniform & Equipment**

Throughout this term we will continue to have a strong focus on ensuring all pupils are in the correct uniform and having the right equipment ready to learn. Wearing the correct uniform and having the right equipment is another key element for success at school. Staff will be challenging pupils who do not meet our expectations and we will be contacting home if there are any concerns. Wearing the school uniform with pride, looking smart, and being prepared for the working day ensures children learn effectively and therefore increases their chances of reaching their potential. Please make sure your child meets our uniform policy that can be found at the end of this update.

During the winter months we allowed pupils to wear their school PE Hoodie in classrooms to keep warm whilst we ensured rooms are well ventilated. Now that summer is upon us and temperatures are warmer, we will return to our normal policy of wearing a black V-neck jumper under the blazer if a pupil needs an additional layer to keep warm. Therefore, please be aware that children will not be allowed to wear Hoodies in classrooms from next week.

If your children does not already bring a bottle of water to school, it may be worth ensuring they have refillable drinks bottle with them as the weather gets warmer. Pupils are allowed to only drink water during lessons and bottles can be refilled at the canteen during lunchtime.

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## **Summer Term Events**

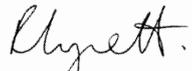
This week Year 9 pupils will finally get to take part in their residential to Dyffryn which was originally scheduled for when they were in Year 7. We have arranged a visit to Harry Potter Studio Tour for pupils in Year 7 and plans are being made for a Year 8 visit before the end of term. Year 10 will also have opportunities to attend visits as part of their GCSE studies. Year 11 will be celebrating in style at their Prom at The Moat House in Acton Trussell once all the hard work completing their exams is over. Year 6 transition activities will be taking place throughout the term to ensure the one hundred pupils who will be joining the school in September have the best start possible. With the Commonwealth Games taking place in Birmingham during the summer, we have a special Commonwealth themed event planned for all pupils towards the end of term.

## **New Headteacher Appointment**

As Mr. Dix announced before the half term holiday, Governors have appointed Mr. Adams as the new Headteacher at Stafford Manor High School from September 2022. To ensure a smooth transition at the start of the new academic year, Mr. Adams will be visiting the school during the summer term to meet with myself and members of the senior leadership team to be fully prepared for September. I am sure Mr. Adams will be in communication with the school community before the start of the new school year.

As always, we will continue to work with you through this term to ensure we are doing all we can to support your child and provide the best education possible. Despite the change in Headteacher, the pupils will always be at the heart of what we do at Stafford Manor High School, and our commitment to achieving our vision to inspire lifelong learning remains the focus. Thank you for your continued support and do not hesitate to contact the main school office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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## Stafford Manor High School Expectations for School Uniform

Essential Daily Items
<p><b>Blazer*</b> – black with SMHS logo</p> <p><b>Trousers</b> – black matt material, front fastening with zip, side seams and full length leg <i><u>under no circumstances will leggings or jeans be allowed</u></i></p> <p>or</p> <p><b>Skirt</b> – black <i><u>must be knee length</u></i></p> <p><b>Shirt</b> – white with collar <i><u>must be fastened to neck and tucked in</u></i></p> <p><b>Tie*</b> – SMHS tie</p> <p><b>Footwear</b> – sensible all black footwear <i><u>with no coloured logos, markings or laces</u></i></p> <p><b>Socks/tights</b></p> <p><b>'Super 7': School Bag, Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Homework, Reading Book.</b></p>
Optional Daily Items
<p><b>A plain black V-neck jumper</b> – this may be worn under the blazer but must not come below the length of the blazer and cannot be worn as an alternative to the blazer.</p> <p>Hoodies cannot be worn as an alternative to a V-neck jumper.</p>
<p><b><i>*The Blazer and Tie are both branded items that can only be purchased from our uniform supplier.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>All other items are generic items that can be purchased from a range of retailers.</i></b></p>

### Hair & Make Up

- No hair styles considered unsuitable by the Headteacher may be worn at school.
- Under no circumstances must a student dye, colour, streak or highlight their hair with an unnatural colour.
- Discreet/natural make up may be worn.

### Jewellery

- No jewellery should be worn except for a wrist watch, one simple ring, and one set of small stud earrings. No other visible piercings are allowed.
- Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that all items of jewellery are removed for PE/games lessons and for any loss or personal injury which may result through accident.
- Nail jewellery, nail art and false nails are not acceptable. Nails should be kept to a reasonable and safe length. Only discreet/natural coloured nail varnish may be worn.

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## Outdoor Clothing

- Parents/carers are asked to ensure that appropriate warm/waterproof clothing is made available to wear over the school uniform in inclement weather.
- All outerwear should be removed once students enter the classroom.
- Baseball caps are not allowed in school.

## Physical Education

Essential PE Items
<p><b>Sports Top*</b> – black and red sports top with SMHS logo</p> <p><b>Indoor Shorts</b> – plain black</p> <p><b>Outdoor tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings</b> – plain black</p> <p><b>Suitable sports trainers</b> - with a non-marking sole</p>
Optional PE Items
<p><b>PE Hoodie**</b> – black and red with SMHS logo or plain black (useful through winter).</p> <p><b>Football boots and socks</b> - these may be useful for football and rugby.</p> <p><b>Gum Shield</b> - available for £1 from the PE office if children enjoy rugby.</p>
<p><b><i>*The school branded Sports Top can only be purchased from our uniform supplier.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>** The school branded PE Hoodie can only be purchased from our uniform supplier. However, a plain black PE Hoodie can be purchased from a range of retailers as an alternative to the branded hoodie.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>All other items are generic items that can be purchased from a range of retailers.</i></b></p>

- Please note that students must bring PE kit to every PE lesson, even if they are not participating through illness or injury.
- Students who cannot take part in practical activities are expected to be in kit and help with umpiring, refereeing or recording.
- Students who forget their kit will be given a clean washed kit to wear.
- Parents/carers will be contacted if a student regularly arrives without kit.

### Stafford Manor High School;

- *recommends that all personal belongings and items of clothing are clearly marked with the student's name.*
- *recommends that pupils do not bring expensive items to school. The school will not be held responsible for any such items that are lost or misplaced whilst at school.*
- *may recommend suitable protective clothing be worn in practical departments.*
- *recognises the obligation to avoid discrimination in line with the Equality Act 2010.*

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