

4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning, we were delighted to welcome our students to school for the start of the new academic year.

During tutor time this morning, students were provided with a copy of their timetable and they can also view their timetable on their ClassCharts account.

Uniform

As we are basking in warm sunshine this week, we revert to summer school uniform arrangements (no blazer to be worn) for the remainder of this week. This will be reviewed on Friday and further communication will be sent with regard to next week's uniform.

ClassCharts

Following feedback from our parents and carers, I am pleased to announce that comments are now visible by parents and carers. This allows parents and carers to view the comments that members of staff write about both positive and negative behaviours. Please note that this not a two-way communication tool, at this point, it is only to view any comments made.

Changes to Conduct and Relationships Policy

As we begin a new academic year, please see below regarding minor amendments to the sanctions issued to students for negative conduct:

- if a student is late twice in a day, they will be issued a full day in isolation, which ends at 3:35pm;
- if a student is issued a C2 and is sent from a lesson to parking (continuing their learning in another classroom), or if a student internally truants, they will also be issued a 30 minute detention for the following day. Again, if this occurs twice in a day, the students will be issued a day in isolation, which will end at 3.35pm;
- if a student refuses to follow staff instructions, disrespects our school environment, disturbs other lessons or refuses to hand in a banned item, they will be issued a 30 minute detention for the following day.

Parents / Carers will be notified of conduct sanctions via the ClassCharts app.

At Goodwin Academy we encourage students to be their BEST self and when students demonstrate the BEST behaviours, parents and carers will be notified via ClassCharts. Students can continue to progress through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards programme.



Lunches / Free School Meals

We are working through a couple of teething problems with regard to our new students accessing their lunch accounts. However, for the first week of school, please be assured that new students will not go without lunch if they are having problems accessing their account. For those families who feel they may be entitled to Free School Meals, please <u>click here</u> for further information on eligibility.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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