





4th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the new academic year, we are excited to welcome our students back to Avonbourne Academies and look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and community spirit.

The start of term is always a key moment to re-establish routines and expectations, and we appreciate your support in helping students return ready to learn and engage positively with school life.

## **Uniform Expectations – A Reminder**

We would like to take this opportunity to reemphasize our uniform policy, which is designed to promote equality, reduce distractions, and foster a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.

Please ensure your child returns to school in full, correct uniform as outlined below:

- Trousers: Grey trousers only black trousers are not permitted.
- Socks: Must be black or grey white sports socks are not allowed.
- Jewellery: Nose studs (including clear retainers) are not permitted. Students may wear one small stud in each ear only.
- Eyelashes: False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Makeup: Only natural makeup is allowed for students in Years 9–11. Makeup is not permitted in Years 7 and 8
- Bags: Nike 'Just Do It' bags are not allowed as they do not meet the size requirements for necessary equipment.

Further details can be found with this link:

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If you have any outgrown or unwanted uniform items—especially shirts, blazers, or trousers—we would be very grateful for donations, which can be dropped off at reception at any time during the school year.

## **Mobile Phones – Important Update**

To support a focused and respectful learning environment, mobile phones must be switched off and kept in students' bags at all times while on the school site. If a mobile phone is seen or used during the school day, it will be confiscated.

Please note that confiscated phones can only be collected by a parent or carer from Student Reception, which is open until 4:00pm each day. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation with your child.

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## **Start of Term – Key Dates and Times**

Please refer to the original letter dated 17th July 2025 for full details of return dates and line-up locations for each year group. It is essential that students arrive before 8:30am to ensure a smooth start to the day. We are confident that with your continued support, our students will thrive in the year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you once again for your partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Lanahan
Assistant Principal

**Behaviour Lead**