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Dear Parents/Carers

As we are now at the end of the year, I wanted to give you a reminder about the end of term arrangements and an overview of the return to school arrangements for the start of term in September.

Last school day: Thursday 21st July:

The day will end at 12.15pm as it normally does at the end of term. Students will follow their normal timetable lesson 1, 2 and 3 so please remind students to bring their usual equipment to school.

In a change to the usual arrangements, students **will be permitted to wear PE kit** if they would like to do so - this is due to the current uncertainty of the weather conditions forecast for Thursday. Students are permitted to wear suitable shorts as they did on Monday 18th July as long as they are wearing their LGS PE top. Students are welcome to wear their normal school uniform if they would prefer.

Start of term:

Wednesday 7th September: Year 7 and year 12 only

Thursday 8th September: all year groups in school

Friday 9th September: all year groups to begin their teaching timetables

Wednesday 7th September: Year 7 and Year 12:

Students need to arrive promptly for 8.20am on Wednesday, they will have registration at 8.35am. Students will follow a timetable for the day of pastoral activities to welcome them to Lordswood and to get to know their review tutor and review group. The day will finish at 3pm.

Thursday 8th September: all years

Students need to arrive promptly for 8.20am, they will have registration from 8.35am. Students will follow a timetable of activities which will vary for each year group. The day will finish at 3pm.

Friday 9th September: all years

Normal teaching timetable will begin, this will be week one - students need to come prepared for their Friday week one lessons.

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce for September the expectations we have at Lordswood of students behaviour, uniform, equipment, attendance and punctuality and thank you for your cooperation with Lordswood Girls School in ensuring that the highest possible standards of education can be delivered.

Behaviour:

We expect the highest standards of behaviour at Lordswood, we expect this to begin from the very first day back in September. Please see the behaviour policy on our website. Mobile phones are not allowed on school site. If students have them they must be stored in lockers or handed to student reception at the start of the day. Please see the mobile phone policy on the school website for clarification on the sanctions should students be caught with their mobile phone on site.

Uniform:

Please see the uniform guide on the school website prior to purchasing any uniform:

<http://lordswoodgirls.co.uk/uniform-guide>

Please take note of what the length of skirts and trousers must be, that shoes need to be leather or “leather look”, that earrings need to be a single plain stud in each ear and no other piercings or jewellery are acceptable. Students must wear their year group badge on the left lapel of their school blazer - they will be issued with their new blazers and badges when they return to school in September.

Please note that students will be permitted to wear the current LGS jumpers until September 2023 to avoid having to purchase new jumpers.

Equipment:

Students should arrive at school ready to learn. This means having the right equipment for lessons, including PE and other practical subjects. Please see the uniform guide for the PE uniform. Students will be permitted to wear the current yellow/navy PE kit until September 2024 so please do not feel the need to purchase new uniform if their current uniform still fits them.

Certain subjects will require specialist equipment, please see the pages at the front of student planners which gives an indication of the equipment that is needed in lessons.

Attendance and punctuality:

At Lordswood we understand the relationship between attendance and outcomes, research has shown that students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance, and attendance below 80% can have the impact equivalent of missing 2 years of school. Holidays taken during term time are not permitted and may result in families receiving a fine or court proceedings. We understand that students can be unwell, please inform the school as soon as you are able to if your child is unable to attend school. (<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>).

Students can arrive on the school site from 8.00am if they are attending breakfast club. At 8.10am all students can come on to their year group playground and wait to enter the school at 8.20am in time for registration at 8.35am. The gate on Lordswood Road is locked at 8.30am, students arriving after this time will have to make their way into school via Knightlow Road which will result in a late mark for that morning. Please see the student attendance policy on the school website for further information.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable summer break and students come back in September with a renewed sense of energy and purpose to begin the next step in their education.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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