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Dear Parent/Carers

### Uniform Summer 2024

Following requests from our student body, and some parent/ carers, we have consulted with students on the introduction of a summer version of Allerton's uniform. The outcome of this is that we have added the option of unisex black shorts to our current dress code during the summer term. The shorts are to be sourced directly from school and cannot be sourced from other suppliers.

Our summer dress code now asks that students wear:

- a white shirt [which has the option of being short-sleeved]
- a year group tie
- AHS green jumper [which may be removed during the summer term]
- either black tailored trousers, an AHS green school skirt or *AHS black tailored shorts* [optional and purchased from school]

The optional item of unisex, black uniform shorts is available to students after Easter ie during the summer term. For students who are interested in wearing shorts, parents/carers can order them directly from school via Parentpay from Monday 11 March. The shorts are available in a range of sizes, from age 9-10 up to waistband size 46" and cost £13.30. We appreciate uniform is expensive so please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Hameed, to discuss your circumstances in confidence if you are experiencing financial hardship, as we might be able to offer assistance and we do have a uniform sharing service [information available vis this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2996393473964629/>].

If parents/carers have any general queries about uniform, they should contact the relevant Year Office in the first instance.

There has been an increase in schools nationwide exploring the option of summer shorts, due to the increasing frequency of hot weather spells in recent years. We thank our Junior Leadership Team for their continued contributions to making our school a positive learning environment.

### Punctuality

Students are expected to move swiftly around the building at change of lessons. A small number of students in each year group deliberately take a longer route to their next lesson in order to socialise with friends. Where students are repeatedly arriving late, they will be staying behind after school. You can view your child's punctuality via ClassCharts. If we have concerns regarding your child's punctuality to lessons, the relevant year team will be in touch.

### Keeping Safe

You may be aware that there have been more worrying incidents in the community during which young people have been robbed of their phone after threats from older youths wearing masks or balaclavas. Our advice to young people is to avoid making journeys on foot after dark. If this is unavoidable, they should stick to well-lit areas and travel in a group where possible. If confronted

and asked for their phone they should not resist as this risks an assault. A report should be made to the Police as soon as possible with a clear description of the individuals. Young people should always have their phones securely passworded to protect their data. Parents/carers would also benefit from having a tracking app on their phone as well as those of their children. If a stolen phone is turned on and tracked by the app, please inform the police, rather than go looking for it yourself. We always work closely with our Safer Schools Police Officer and Police Community Support Officers to share intelligence about perpetrators so that action can be taken. Additional Police patrols have been put in place when offences have been reported.

### Examinations

Examination boards have now released information about the forthcoming examination series Parents/carers of students in exam years should note the start and end dates for the relevant series but students will receive individual timetables at a later date once all entries are finalised.

- GCSE examinations for Year 11 students start on Thursday 9 May and end on Wed 19 June
- Post-16 examinations start on Monday 13 May and end on Tuesday 25 June
- Year 10 RE exams take place on 9 and 16 May

For all students [GCSE and A Level] there are some exam contingency dates which will be used if there is a problem at a national level with the scheduling of exams on their original dates. The contingency dates have never been needed before but students have to be available to sit exams on the contingency days in the unlikely event of a national problem.

Contingency dates: Thursday 6 June and Thursday 13 June at 1pm and Wednesday 26 June all day.

### Events

Our students have taken part in a range of activities since the start of this term:

- Under 13 Girls Cricket took part in the cricket festival at Woodhouse Grove, narrowly missing out on attending the regional finals.
- A number of Year 12 students have completed First Aid courses since 8 January.
- Post 16 Oxbridge places have been offered to three of our year 13 students, Marco Magagnin, Nati Ziv and Sophie Welberry-Smith. We congratulate all three for securing the offer, a fantastic achievement.
- Year 11/12 students enjoyed a Geography trip to Sorrento, Italy over February half term and GCSE students have recently completed study visits around Holbeck, Leeds.
- There have been various netball, cricket, climbing competitions where students have displayed excellent determination and competitiveness.

### Calendar Dates

Please note the following events:

Tuesday 20 February - Guided Choice Options deadline for Y9 students



- Thursday 22 February - 'Frankenstein' visit to Leeds Playhouse for Y11-13 students
- Monday 26 February - Mocks for Y11 students start this week
- Thursday 29 February - Y12 Subject Consultation Evening 4-7pm  
'Blue Beard' visit to York Theatre Royal for Y11-13 students
- Monday 4 March - Mocks for Y11 students continue this week
- Monday 4 March - French Lille Visit for Years 10, 12 & 13 this week
- Thursday 7 March - World Book Day
- Monday 11 March - Y12 Malham Field Visit this week
- Tuesday 12 & 13 March - A Level Drama performance 3-6pm
- Wednesday 13 March - Parents' Forum 6-7.15pm. All welcome.
- Thursday 14 - 16 March - Y 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice
- Saturday 16 March - LEAP Business Competition: Post-16 students
- Monday 18 March - Y10 RE mock exam this week  
Y10 students watch a theatre performance, 'Inside Out.'
- Tuesday 19 March - Y10 Subject Consultation Evening 4-7pm  
Y8 HPV vaccinations mop-up
- Wednesday 21-23 March - GCSE Drama performances 3-6pm
- Thursday 21 & 22 March - Y12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice
- Monday 25 March - Y7 Nell Bank visit this week
- Tuesday 26 March - Governing Body meeting 6pm  
Spring Music Recital 7pm.
- Thursday 28 March - Term ends for Easter
- Monday 15 April - Term starts
- Monday 15 April - PR3 (Yr7-10) sent home this week
- Thursday 18 April - Y12 Next Steps Evening

Thank you for your continued support. Please note we finish for Easter on Thursday 28 March.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

