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Dear parents and carers,

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The positive partnership between home and school is key to every child's success, and we would like to thank you for your engagement and support over the course of this year. We are writing to share some key messages in preparation for a great start to the next academic year at FCC.

We are proud of our students and want to ensure everyone meets our shared standards and expectations for success. Getting these agreed basics right helps us work as one community, supporting everyone's focus on learning.

Uniform and jewellery

- Shirts tucked in, tie and blazer worn so that everyone is smart and ready for work.
- Hoodies are **not** part of the FCC uniform; thank you for your support in making sure that children do not wear them into school, as they will be confiscated to support our shared standards.
- Footwear must be all black with no white soles.
- Leggings are **not** part of our uniform.
- Aside from one stud in each ear and a watch, no jewellery is permitted, supporting health and safety.

Punctuality

Thank you for supporting punctuality and preparedness for school by ensuring that students set off in good time each morning. Taking a few minutes each evening to look ahead to the next day will help students to be prepared with the right equipment and is a good chance to discuss what has gone well and any ambitions for tomorrow.

Positive conduct around the school site

The vast majority of FCC students' behaviour is positive, polite and engaged. We know that the tone is set at home and appreciate your support and modelling the respectful attitudes that help everyone feel happy, safe and successful in our community.

Strengthening our focus on celebrating each student's successes and promoting the positivity at the heart of FCC, one of our new Assistant Headteachers will be leading the development of our rewards programme and our House system.

We have reviewed our behaviour processes drawing on the evidence of research and our visits to other schools. Our priority is the learning, progress and experience of everyone at FCC, students and staff alike. Our updated system includes some additional steps which will 're-set' any behaviour that is disruptive or outside of our shared values. These clearly understood and consistently applied consequences will work alongside the support and strategies for students to make the right choices, so that they are learning and fully engaged in our school community. Our system also maintains additional support and sanctions to reinforce those standards. As part of this revised approach, we have four Pastoral Support Assistants accessible to students across the school, alongside an increase in the supportive 1:1 interventions and groups sessions.

In advance of the new year, please find below the return dates for each year group.

Wednesday 4^{th} September – Year 7 and 12 Thursday 5^{th} September – Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

We thank you for taking the time to read through this information and wish you and your family a restful summer. We look forward to working with you from September.

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Kindness - Honesty - Respect



