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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are well and in good health and have enjoyed a peaceful Easter break.

It has been an incredibly busy year so far with the resumption of school trips to a range of exciting venues, successful sporting fixtures, musical showcases, fundraising activities, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and many students taking part in regional competitions from public speaking to writing competitions. Whilst we are incredibly proud of our students, we recognise this is only possible with the wonderful support of our parents/carers and wider community. Thank you again, for your continued support on behalf of all the staff here at President Kennedy School.

The summer term is obviously a crucial time for many of our exam groups, specifically Year 11 and Year 13, as many of these students will be sitting their first external examinations as early as May. It is important that as a school community we show our support for these students and we will be speaking to the whole school in tutor time and assemblies about how we can all show our support to these students. I am sure we are all united in wishing these young people all the best in their preparation, revision, and forthcoming exams.

As you are aware we take great pride in our high standards here at President Kennedy School, which is so important in preparing young people in the wider world and preparing them for the workplace. In preparation for the start of the new term, we ask for your support in speaking to your child about the importance of the following:

Registration and arrival to school:

We recognise that there has been a number of disruptions to the start of school in the mornings, including the recent bus strikes, snow days and nearby road works which has hindered some parents/carers in bringing their children to school on time. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that:

1. Students are expected to be **in school at 8.40am** – which is when the first bell sounds.
2. Students are expected to be in registration with their tutor at **8.45am** promptly– which is when the second bell sounds for the start of registration.
3. Students who arrive after registration start time of **8.45am**, with no parental contact or explanation will unfortunately receive a 30 minutes detention that same day, after school with their college.
4. Persistent lateness could result in a fixed penalty notice.



Attendance:

Further to my letter in December we know there is a crucial link between attendance and exam grades and confidence of our students. Students at President Kennedy School who achieved **95% attendance made twice as much progress as those students who had attendance of below 95%**. We know that if students attend school, our teachers here at President Kennedy School make an exceptional impact on a student's self-esteem, exam grades and life chances. The summer term allows us all to reset the attendance button and renew our target of 95%+ for our final term. The summer term will be an important term in preparing students for the next stage of their school journey and allows students to feel confident in their transition to their new college team.

We will be writing to parents/carers and students who have experienced barriers with attendance following the pandemic to come and meet with us informally at school this term, to see how we can support future success. Please be aware of the following:

1. Attendance of below 90% could lead to a fixed penalty notice.
2. Students who have been unwell do not necessarily need to have 48 hours off school. Students should attend as soon as they feel better.
3. Our pastoral colleagues will contact you and make a welfare call on the first day of absence and we can also provide further support by our attendance officers visiting home.

Uniform:

Students displaying PRIDE in the way in which they wear their school uniform is an important aspect of school life at President Kennedy School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support in ensuring high standards of uniform. I have also attached the school uniform flyer which outlines the school policy on items of jewellery, make up, nails, piercings and items of clothing allowed and not allowed, including lengths of skirts. We will obviously contact parents/carers if there are potential issues with uniform so we can see how this can be rectified and how we may support.

Lost Property:

We have an extensive 'lost property' section at school, which contains items such as coats and PE kit. Unfortunately, very few of the coats have student names in them so we have been unable to return them to their owners. It is vital that all items of school clothing, particularly outdoor wear is clearly labelled. If your child has lost an item of clothing, then please do contact your college with a description to see if we can help find it.

School Support

We also recognise that times are challenging for families and finances. If you need support with school uniform then do please contact us, as we do have items of uniform that can be provided, including shoes, blazers, ties and shirts. We now have a free breakfast club open before school 5 days a week; students can also access free sanitary products from their college teams, as well as student reception. We can subsidise any school trip and we can also provide access to free laptops for students to use at home. College homework clubs also allow students to use computers at school and use free printing for any homework. If you require any support please do contact us at school via the college email addresses. All communication will be kept confidential.

Year Group	Specific Email Address
7	Year7info@pks.coventry.sch.uk
8	Year8info@pks.coventry.sch.uk
9	Year9info@pks.coventry.sch.uk
10	Year10info@pks.coventry.sch.uk
11	Year11info@pks.coventry.sch.uk
Post 16	Post16@pks.coventry.sch.uk

Please look out for the President Kennedy School newsletter every Friday, which is emailed and on our website. These celebrate the wonderful success stories of the amazing students we have here at President Kennedy School and the superb opportunities our staff provide for the students.

Finally, I would personally like to thank you all for your unwavering support this term and please stay safe and healthy.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Rooke'.

Ms S Rooke
Acting Headteacher

School Uniform

Uniform Regulations Year 7 to Year 11

Main Uniform, Essential Items and Equipment

Navy blazer with school logo	White shirt or blouse
Girls - Navy trousers (cotton/polyester/viscose straight cut or boot cut, not skin tight or skinny) or Navy <u>knee-length</u> , straight or pleated skirt to be worn	Boys - Mid Grey trousers (cotton/polyester/viscose straight cut, not skin tight or skinny)
Navy, Grey or Black socks/tights or Girls - Plain Navy knee length socks or tights	Plain Black shoes (not boots)
School tie	Coats must be plain Black, Grey or Navy
School bags of a suitable size (must be able to carry exercise books and equipment)	School Planner* Calculator, compass, crayons, pocket English Dictionary, erasers, pencils, pens, protractor, ruler, reading book <i>(*school planners are provided to students at the start of the school year)</i>



Optional Items

Navy cotton cardigan (girls) with school logo	Navy cotton jumper (boys and girls) with school logo
Hijab - Plain Navy or Black	Turban - Plain Navy or Black
Technology - full apron, Art - protective clothing (e.g. an old shirt)	

WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE

PE/Games Kit

Essential Items

Navy and gold rugby top with or without school logo (boys)
Navy Shorts
Navy polo shirt with or without school logo
Navy sports socks (must be worn for PE)
Training shoes (not pumps)
Football/Rugby moulded boots (boys all years; girls for years 7, 8 & 9). <u>Please note moulded boots are essential to enable students to play on the school's 4G pitch.</u>
Hair tie or bobble



Optional Items

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms with or without school logo
Navy tracksuit top with school logo (girls)
Plain navy leggings with or without school logo (girls)
Navy and gold skort with school logo or plain navy skort without logo (girls)
Gum shield for rugby
Shin pads for football

Sports branded items are not permitted.

Strictly no jewellery to be worn for PE/games.

WE DO NOT ALLOW

- Leather or denim jackets, jeans, leggings or jeggings, skin tight, skinny or cropped trousers
- Trainers or pumps, boots, canvas shoes, high heeled shoes, open toe shoes
- More than one item of jewellery, including multiple piercings (earrings must be small studs only, barbell earrings are not permitted)
- Facial piercings, tongue piercings
- Brightly coloured scarves, headbands, socks or belts
- T-shirts visible under shirts
- Extreme hair styles or brightly coloured hair
- Excessive or brightly coloured make up, including coloured nail varnish, acrylics or artificial nails, false eyelashes or eyelash extensions
- Skirts that are above the knee
- Hoodies, sporting or tracksuit tops and baseball caps

All uniform items are available from:



Cat Ballou Originals Ltd
1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN
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