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Dear Parents and Carers

Please may I take this opportunity to introduce myself properly. I am Beverley Scott-Herron and I am currently the Headteacher at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, but I have been seconded to Padgate Academy in a TCAT Leadership support role due to absence. This has been outlined in the correspondence sent to you by the TCAT CEO – Mr Moorcroft.

It is an absolute pleasure to be at Padgate Academy and the students have been incredible. Change is always difficult and I am a firm believer in positive relationships. I have spent a lot of time getting to know the students and staff as the working relationships are the foundation of success. The relationship with you is every bit as important to me and I am conscious that I have not been able to see many of you face to face. However, I would like you to know that I am here for you and contactable any time if you need to speak to me. I appreciate my time is divided but that does not mean I am any less committed. Your young people are my priority and we need to ensure they have the very best opportunities and education regardless of what changes occur.

It is important that we have incredibly high expectations and aspirations for our young people and there are a few changes that will be implemented to ensure that standards are the best they can be. These will come into operation after half term. Some of the below standards are already in place, but there is a real inconsistency that we need to address.

Standards

1. Students are not allowed to wear coats in classrooms - this was brought in a few weeks ago and has already been adhered to, but I wanted you to let know about the rule.
2. All students must have a fully stocked pencil case – these can be purchased in school for £1.
3. All students must have a scientific calculator - these can be purchased in school for £5.80.
4. All students must have a homework diary – these will be handed out after half term and are free.
5. School jumpers must be plain black and V neck. The PE sweatshirt will no longer be permitted to be worn with the school uniform. It is fine for PE but cannot be utilised under the blazer.
6. Hoodies and other non-uniform items are not permitted.
7. If a skirt is to be worn, then it must be worn on, or just above the knee. If a young person chooses to roll a skirt up to an unacceptable length they will be asked to roll it down. The school have the final say on what is or is not acceptable.
8. All student must have a bag for school.
9. Students are to only wear black school shoes. Canvass shoes, boots or trainers are not permitted. A trainer is classed as anything with a sports logo on the side.
10. Jewellery is not permitted, except for a wrist watch.

Homework

Completing regular homework is an integral part of learning, with research stating that regular homework completion can improve a student's progress by 5+Months.

At least one piece of homework will be set per subject, per week, where all work will be made accessible as an assignment on TEAMS. Students will be informed of set homework by a notification on their TEAMS page. Homework activities may include revision, creative work or online learning using Educake, SENECA or Mathswatch.

Students will be required to regularly check their TEAMS account for homework notifications, we have also provided homework notebooks to record work set. In the near future we will be introducing the parent's version of the 'class charts' app which will improve communication relating to homework and messages from the academy.

Self-Isolation work

The academy will continue to set work for students who may be self-isolating in accordance COVID guidance. All work will be posted on TEAMS, in the student' class team or in the subject team for their year. Work will be posted under the FILES section.

Toilets

Please can you remind your son/daughter to access the toilets during their free time. We appreciate that there will be emergencies and we will let them go. However, they need to manage their time effectively.

Behaviour

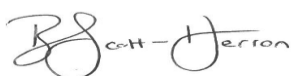
Just a gentle reminder that good behaviour is expected and that we need to treat each other with respect. The choice of language and vocabulary we use is also important as any sort of discriminatory or derogatory language will not be tolerated.

There may be some changes ahead in terms of the Behaviour Policy as it is under review at the moment. Any changes will be communicated out to you and your support is always very much appreciated.

I am really looking forward to working with you, and if there is anything I can help with then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Yours faithfully



Beverley Scott-Herron

TCAT Leadership Support