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Dear Parent and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits as we approach the last few days of term. We wanted to take a moment to share some important information regarding upcoming changes at our school. We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, so we want to approach these topics with compassion and understanding. These changes are following a long consultation process with students, staff and families. All changes have also been discussed at length with our Academy Committee (Governing Board).

Device Free

Starting from September, Fairfield High School will be implementing a device-free policy during the school day. We recognize the impact that excessive phone use can have on students' focus and overall well-being. Therefore, students will be requested to keep their phones switched off and stored in their bags throughout the day. If students wish to use headphones, smartwatches or other devices traveling to and from school they are welcome to, but they cannot be used on the school site. We understand that there may be instances where students need to contact home urgently, and for this purpose, they will be able to request the use of the pastoral office.

In implementing this policy, we have taken into consideration the needs of students who require access to phones and headphones due to specific access needs. These students have been actively involved in the consultation process, ensuring that their concerns and individual circumstances have been taken into account. As a result, appropriate exemptions will be made to accommodate their needs.

Uniform

Furthermore, we want to inform you about a change in our uniform rules, effective from September. Students will now be permitted to wear any black shoe of their choice, with the exception of cros, sandals and heels. We believe that this modification will provide students with a sense of comfort and personal expression while maintaining a professional appearance.

We understand that adjustments like these can be met with mixed emotions. As we transition to these new policies, we want to assure you that our intention is to create an environment that fosters focus, inclusivity, and a sense of unity among our students. We believe that these changes will contribute positively to their educational experience and overall well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email. Miss Campbell and Ms Cronin will be hosting a Zoom call to take questions from families on Tuesday 18th July at 4 pm if you would like to join the call please email Ms Cronin ECronin@fairfield.excalibur.org.uk. We value your input and want to ensure that we address any uncertainties you may have.



Let us approach the upcoming academic year with compassion, empathy, and a commitment to supporting one another. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where every student can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Returning to school in September

Tuesday 5th September - Years 7 and 11

Wednesday 6th September - Years 8, 9 and 10

With warm regards,



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Vice Principal
Fairfield High School



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