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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Miss Frampton, and I am delighted to be stepping into the role at Atlantic Academy as Senior Assistant Principal. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with our students, families and staff as we continue to build a culture of high expectations, belonging and success for every child.

As we look ahead to September, I would like to remind everyone of our expectations around uniform, equipment and behaviour. These expectations help create a calm, purposeful environment where every student can thrive.

Uniform

We ask that all students return in full academy uniform from the first day of term. In particular:

- Ties must be worn at all times. These are available from the school shop and, if your child is moving into a different house, their existing tie can be exchanged for the correct house colour.
- Skirts must be knee length, tailored school skirts (not lycra/stretch material) and should be worn as designed, with the split at the back.
- Shoes should be plain black, polishable school shoes. Trainers or trainer-style shoes are not permitted.
- Students should wear plain black socks.
- Jewellery should be limited to one pair of plain stud earrings. Nose studs and all other jewellery are not permitted in line with our Uniform Policy.
- Fake eyelashes are not permitted at any time.

Where students arrive without the correct uniform, we will ask parents and carers to support us by bringing the appropriate items into school so that expectations can be met.

Equipment

Being equipped for learning is just as important as wearing the correct uniform. This year we have seen an increasing number of students arriving without the basic equipment needed for lessons, which can affect both their own learning and that of others.

Please help us ensure your child starts September ready to succeed by checking they have all of the equipment listed in our Uniform and Equipment Policy before they return to school.

Breaktime Equipment

Over the past year we have invested significantly in improving our outdoor spaces and play equipment so that students have positive, active break and lunchtime experiences.

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Unfortunately, we have noticed an increasing number of students bringing hard leather footballs and other sports equipment from home. These can present a safety risk, causing injury to others and damage to school property. From September, students should not bring balls or sports equipment from home. We have a wide range of school equipment available for students to enjoy during break and lunchtime, and only school-owned equipment should be used.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together and maintaining these high expectations, we can ensure every student has the very best start to the new academic year.

I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and restful summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind regards,



Miss J Frampton
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