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Dear Parents and Carers

As the school year draws to a close, we have been reviewing some of our policies and would like to share these with you to aid you in your planning for the new school year.

Sixth Form Dress Code

From September 2026, our Sixth Form Dress Code remains unchanged. The full code is [here](#) if you would like to check the detail. The aim of the dress code is to ensure our students are comfortable, but also that they are dressed appropriately for a professional working environment. Please do take a moment over the summer to check items for September to ensure that all students come to school appropriately dressed and proud to be part of our AHS community.

Sixth Form lanyards are an essential part of our safeguarding policy. Please support us by reminding your daughter to wear them as soon as they walk through the gate in the morning.

Earrings

Earrings must still be removed for Sixth Form games, so if you plan to get your child's ears pierced, you should do so at the start of the summer holidays so they can be safely removed by September.

Our Attendance Policy

Although 90% is a fantastic achievement in a test, 90% is a real concern in attendance terms. It is in fact the equivalent of missing 19 school days over a year and is proven to have a significant impact on a student's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider life chances. Less than 90% attendance is classed as 'persistent absence' and if a student is at risk of persistent absence, we will send a letter home to parents to warn them of this and to ask if there is anything we can do to help improve their child's attendance. Once attendance falls below 90%, we will take further measures such as setting up an attendance contract.

For **holiday taken in term time** it is our policy to invite parents into school to discuss this. All students are expected to be in school on the first day of term. If students do not return to school on the first day after a holiday, School will contact home to discuss the reason why and parents will be invited into school for a meeting.

Punctuality

Traffic around Aylesbury is notoriously bad in the mornings, so thank you to those parents who encourage students to leave with plenty of time. The school site is open to students

from 7.30 am when they are welcome to sit in the dining room and get breakfast if they would like to. Students should not be walking around the site until 8.15 am. We ask that they are seated in their form rooms by 8.40 ready for the register to be taken promptly at 8.45. Students in the Sixth Form will need references for their next steps, part-time jobs and apprenticeships. Please help us to be able to say they are reliable and punctual.

Our Behaviour Policy

We have also updated our [Behaviour Policy](#), which includes a slightly updated behaviour matrix. We have decoupled equipment and homework marks from the Behaviour Matrix, so while these will still be recorded so that we can keep a track of this, they are not viewed as poor behaviour. We will, of course, put support in place for students who continue to forget equipment or homework.

We try our hardest to put an emphasis on rewards at AHS, but we do need to uphold sanctions too. We thank you for your support with this and remind you of the [Home School Agreement](#) that we are all committed to. As we move forward, we will proceed on the understanding that you agree to these shared commitments, with no further action or response required on your part.

Mobile Phones

We have been following the DfE's [mobile phone guidance](#), which recommends that students should not be using **mobile phones** throughout the school day, so phones must be turned off and out of sight from the time that students enter school in the morning until 1530.

In the Sixth Form, students have some exemptions. They can use them during study periods in the Dining Hall and Library, but never in these venues at break or lunch. They must not be used around the corridors, outside anywhere during study periods or in between lessons. They should also not walk around with them in their hands or be visible in pockets. They should be away in their bags. They are permitted in the Sixth Form Study Centre. With these exemptions, we expect students to stick to the guidance elsewhere with ease.

We would very much appreciate your support in using the School Office to get a message to students instead of contacting them on mobile phones and please do not ask your daughter to contact you using her mobile phone during school hours - we can ring home for her if it is urgent. Please also ensure your daughter visits Matron if she is feeling unwell and doesn't just call you to be collected.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing summer break and many thanks for all your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Skinner

Assistant Head and Director of Sixth Form