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**Dear Parents** 

## School Uniform, Equipment and Mobile Phones from September 2016

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for your support regarding the high standards of uniform we have at Cannock Chase High School. So many of our visitors comment upon how smart our students look when they visit our school and the pride they have when wearing our uniform, our students are a credit to the school and have really embraced our ethos of looking smart at all times.

Rather than re-issuing a hard copy of our Uniform Policy, we will be sending this out to you electronically (to the e-mail address that we have for you on our school system), it will also be accessible on the school website.

One area that we are tightening up on in September is footwear. Our policy for September 2016 makes reference to shoes being 'black formal traditional' footwear. Many shops in recent years have been trying to pass off certain forms of shoe as suitable for school. These fashionable brands are not acceptable at Cannock Chase High School. When purchasing footwear for your child during the holidays, we would ask that you select one that is a 'traditional school shoe'. (Please see attached.)

In line with our commitment for all students being ready to learn for every lesson, each student must have a school pencil case with them at all times. Within the pencil case must be at least two black pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and green pen. In September there will be a significant focus on the role literacy plays in enhancing student learning and, therefore, we ask that all students in Years 7 to 11 have a reading book with them each day to support this.

A small minority of students this year have attempted to wear a hoodie in colder weather to school rather than a coat. Hoodies, tracksuit tops or jackets are unsuitable for school.

Both male and female students are allowed to wear one small stud in the lower lobe of each ear only. Earrings in other parts of the ear are not acceptable and retainers should not be seen as a suitable alternative. No other form of jewellery, apart from a wrist watch, is allowed.

Whilst mobile phones have many advantages in life, there are also disadvantages to their usage, especially with secondary school aged individuals. Therefore, for September we have made the decision that mobile phones will only be allowed to be used outdoors or in the dining rooms at break and lunchtimes. Mobile phones should, therefore, not be used in any other part of the building at any time. This rule applies to before and after school. Where students do not respect this rule, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the day. On the third confiscation, the phone will be kept in school until a parent/guardian can come in to collect this item.

If you require any additional clarification on any item of school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Director of Year before making your purchases. Incorrect items will need to be replaced in September.

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Students are due to return to school on Wednesday 7 September. As in previous years, we will operate a staggered start on the first day. Year 7s and Prefects must report to Lower School Hall for 8.45am on this day. Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 must report to their tutor room for 9.45am. Normal lessons will commence Period 4.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support and wish all of you an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr R E Howes

**Assistant Headteacher** 

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## Suitable footwear: black formal 'traditional Leather Shoe.



## These forms of footwear are NOT suitable at Cannock Chase High School

