

February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Hopefully you all had time to read our recent Ofsted report, because I am delighted to say that John Willmott school has been moved out of special measures and is seeing continued improvement in all areas.

The students in year 9 have now spent five months in their option subjects. I know that the vast majority of students have found the work challenging but very rewarding. I am proud of the way they have adapted to their new subjects and long may this continue. At this stage, few teenagers will have their future career mapped out, but if they do have an idea of the course or career in mind, please encourage them to speak to me about it so I can advise them or refer them to a colleague.

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring your son/daughter is attending school in the correct uniform. Please make sure that when your son/daughter leaves for school in the morning that they are dressed appropriately. All pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform, including a tie and a blazer. I have provided details of our uniform policy overleaf. I would like to draw particular attention to footwear: Shoes must be plain black, with no logos. Trainers and pumps are not permitted. We do permit Nike Air Force 1s as a school shoe. Skirts must be 2 inches above the knee and not tight fitting. Trousers also must not be tight fitting. If your son/daughter comes to school in the incorrect uniform or with an appearance unsuitable for a school environment they may be removed from lessons if the problem cannot be rectified.

Equipment, Conduct Cards & Planners

I expect all students to come to school equipped ready to learn. Every student requires the following items, as a minimum: black pens, pencil, ruler, these should be placed in a suitable size pencil case. All pupils should also have a suitable sized school bag. We do not allow small pouches and these should not be on sight, if seen then they will be confiscated from pupils. Please can you all ensure that your child has the correct equipment on return to school. All pupils have a conduct card which they should have on them at all times.

Attendance & Punctuality

At John Willmott School, we expect all students to achieve a minimum attendance of 96%. An attendance of 90% is the equivalent of being absent for one day (5 hours of learning) every two weeks. Please contact the Attendance office on 0121 378 6575 for every day that your child is absent AND send in a note on the first day of their returning, with an explanation of their absence. We will be having a big push in the coming weeks and are running rewards for pupils based around attendance

The school day begins at 8.50am and we expect all students to be in school before that time and our school hall is open from 8am, if your child arrives after 8.50am twice in a week then this will result in your child receiving a detention.

Social Media

Young people have access to Social Media more than ever. Please can I ask that as parents you discuss the importance of using this sensibly. Despite assemblies there have been a number of incidents that have occurred with all of the incidents happening outside of school hours. If there are any issues around this please keep any messages and inform form tutors. Any negative incidents around this will result in sanctions being given in school.

Rewards and sanctions

We offer a number of different rewards to encourage pupils and praise good behaviour, our most recent trip to the cinema was very successful with over 200 pupils being taken to the cinema before the Christmas holidays. The criteria to attend was 100% attendance and zero negative points, Students also receive house points and FGF (Feel Good Friday phone call home) along with certificates. If your child is placed in detention then this will be because they have not adhered to the school behaviour policy. All pupils are expected to attend as failure may result in further sanctions being given.

I believe we all have one common goal and that is for your son/daughter to succeed in their education. Collectively we need to work together for this to happen and if your son/daughter can adhere to the above it will go a long way in achieving this.

Again thank you for your continuing support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your son/daughters Form Tutor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Roberts', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Roberts
Head of Year 9

John Willmott School Uniform Guidelines

All pupils in Years 7 to 11 are expected to wear school uniform. Parents are particularly requested to check that articles of clothing are regularly cleaned so that pupils are smart and prepared for learning and the work environment. Please make sure that each garment is clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name.

Outdoor clothing must not be worn in school.

Parents are asked to refer to the above list whenever they replace items of clothing. John Willmott School blazer, jumper and tie can be purchased at Clive Marks or The Uniform Hub (see contact details below). All other items of uniform can be bought in local shops and chain stores. Printed lists are issued periodically as reminders.

Clive Mark Schoolwear (Wylde Green) Tel: (0121) 384 4186

The Uniform Hub Tel: (0121) 313 2414 email: tracey@uniform-hub.com

BOYS' SCHOOL UNIFORM

BLAZER Grey with the school badge

TROUSERS Black

SHIRT White with a collar to be worn with the school tie

TIE John Willmott School tie

JUMPER Grey V-neck jumper with school badge may be worn as an additional layer under the blazer.

SOCKS Plain black only

SMART SHOES Plain black only, these should be a style suitable for school wear not trainers, boots or canvas pumps – no logos or coloured stripes. Laces must be black.

SCHOOL BAG Suitable size for carrying school books, planner and pencil case

JEWELLERY The only jewellery permitted is one stud ear ring per ear and one finger ring

HAIR No brightly coloured hair dyes. No patterns cut into hair (please contact the Achievement Co-ordinator if uncertain about hair styles)

APPEARANCE All pupils are expected to be neatly dressed and to take care of and pride in their appearance. Staff will give instructions to any pupil whose appearance, dress or presentation is unsatisfactory. The instruction might include being sent home to change.

GIRLS' SCHOOL UNIFORM

BLAZER Grey with the school badge

SKIRT Black 2" above the knee – straight or pleated (no tight material)

TROUSERS Black cotton/polyester school trousers – no tight material (e.g. Lycra) or jeans/skinny jeans/tight trousers

SHIRT White with a collar to be worn with the school tie

TIE John Willmott School tie

JUMPER Grey V-neck jumper with school badge may be worn as an additional layer under the blazer.

TIGHTS/SOCKS Plain black only

SMART SHOES Plain black only. These should be a style suitable for school wear, with a sensible heel and should fit properly. Casual styles such as canvas shoes, sling back shoes, trainers, boots are not permitted – no logos or coloured stripes. Laces must be black.

SCHOOL BAG Suitable size for carrying school books, planners and pencil case

MAKE UP Pupils are permitted to wear natural looking make up in school but no nail varnish/acrylic nails

JEWELLERY The only jewellery permitted is one small stud ear ring per ear and one finger ring

HAIR No brightly coloured hair dyes. No patterns cut into hair or large accessories.

Headscarves must be black only. (Please contact the Achievement Co-ordinator if uncertain about hair styles)

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