



# Washington Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to update you on a couple of changes/reinforce expectations as we go into the second half of this term.

## **Uniform expectations**

As we approach winter and a move towards more inclement weather it is imperative that students are wearing a coat to protect from the elements. School blazers are not waterproof and are not outdoor coats. Moving forward we also expect all students, in line with the school's uniform policy, to bring a school bag to carry books and other items required for school. Students who do not bring a bag will be issued with a temporary Washington Academy bag.

## **Lateness and changes to behaviour policy.**

It is vital that students arrive at school on time ready to learn. Students should arrive to school for 8.25am and be expected at line up for learning with form tutors and Heads of Year. Students also need to make their way purposefully to lessons during the day to ensure they are not missing out on any vital learning. A small minority of students however do not do this and consequently from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we will now be introducing late detentions for these students.

If a student has two lates in the day they will receive a 30-minute detention after school. If they receive three lates over the course of the day they will be placed in turnaround for a minimum of three lessons. This may continue the following day.

Students who are repeatedly late will be placed on punctuality reports with Heads of Year and parents and carers will be invited into school to discuss their child's poor punctuality.

Can parents and carers please ensure that their child understands the expectations of school ready for the start of the half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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