

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of Term 2 and the Christmas period it is important to reflect on the school year so far and to remind everyone of our expectations as we move into term 3. Terms 1 & 2 have seen some superb work from across our student body and I know this will continue into term 3.

You may be interested to know a few of the figures that indicate just how wonderful our students are. Currently, the overall House points total is 310, 946. That's an average of 428 House points per student. This is a fantastic achievement and let's not forget that House points are awarded for fulfilling our values – Time, Courage, Choice. To see our students live those values every day is amazing. Excellent work!

This is because our students understand that our expectations and standards allow them to progress and be successful. Even those who don't always make the correct choice, reflect and chose differently as they grow and learn. We work on the ethos of, 'If you let them off, you let them down.' We care too much for our young people to let them down, to not engage with them to meet our expectations and standards, and every one of our students deserves our care and to be held to high expectations that will allow them to flourish. With this in mind, it is timely to remind students, parents and carers of our expectations.

Our four school rules:

- Respect the Academy and its environment
- Speak politely to everyone and with respect
- Work hard and allow others to learn
- Follow staff instructions





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Our students know that a breach of the rules in any way is going against our values – Time, Courage, Choice. They know as part of this 'we do not and will not tolerate any form of unkindness or discrimination towards another person'. This includes, verbal, physical, online, directly or indirectly, particularly referring to bystander behaviour.

Uniform and equipment

The small things matter. They show preparedness and a sense of belonging. The show care and pride in our school and our community. I tell children regularly that wearing our school badge is more than just wearing uniform. It's being part of our Broadoak family and represents everything we stand for as a school; our love of our school, of our community, of our families, of our neighbours, etc.

Therefore, having the correct uniform and wearing it neatly with pride is important. So, parent/carers and students, please ensure you arrive in January with the correct uniform worn impeccably (blazer on, tie done neatly, shirt tucked in, no additional jewellery, etc.). Parent/carers, do not be surprised if you hear from your child's tutor or House Team if anything around uniform needs to be rectified. We know you wish for your children to be the best versions of themselves as do we, and therefore we expect you to hold the same standards we do when it comes to uniform. Remember, being part of the Broadoak family means every child deserves to be held to a high standard.

The same also applies to equipment. Being prepared and ready to learn cannot happen without the tools by which to do it. Students should have a schoolbag and a pencil case with the relevant equipment. Every minute of learning counts. Do not allow a lack of equipment to waste valuable minutes!





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The overwhelming majority of our students do all the above brilliantly. We need them to continue to do this and for those who don't always do this, we will always work with you. This is our standard, and we make no apology for holding you to it as this is what will help our students to be successful.

Parent/carers, I would like to thank you in advance for upholding the Broadoak standard at home when preparing the children to come to school. I would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with us. As adults, we have an important responsibility to ensure our young people grow to be confident and happy as they move through their educational journey.

Before I sign off, it is important that anyone who needs support and help over the Christmas period, seeks the support they need. We know this time of year can be difficult for some and we hope that the links below may be of use should you need them.

https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-support/other-benefitssupport/household-support-fund

https://www.somersetfamilyadventures.com/christmas-days-out-in-somersetand-bristol/

I hope you will also read our newsletter which comes out today to read and find out about all of the wonderful things that have been happening over November and December. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Be safe and take care.

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Danny McGilloway

Principal



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