



**Joyce  
Frankland  
Academy**  
Newport



## **Dear Parents and Carers**

Firstly, we hope that all of our families have had a lovely summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on Wednesday, 3rd September, and the rest of the year groups back on Thursday, 4th September.

I am particularly excited to begin my role as Principal. I will be writing to parents and carers over the next week to invite you to meet me and members of the Senior Team as we begin a new chapter at Joyce Frankland Academy in Newport.

Over the summer break, building works have been taking place, including the redecoration of our historic Great Hall and adjoining Study Hall; we look forward to you visiting these at some point this term. I want to thank the wider community for their patience and understanding while important work was carried out on the crossing; this has thankfully been completed before the school reopens to students.

I am writing to provide a few reminders about how parents and carers can help their child make a positive start to the term, and to offer our support to any families that may require it at this time. We understand that, as a secondary school, our students are becoming young adults and can take more responsibility for getting themselves ready and to school on time, but even teenagers still need their parents and carers to help get them into good lifelong habits and ensure they are prepared for school each morning, for example:

- Uniform laid out the night before.
- Equipment in their bag, including their new planners.
- Books for the following day's lessons in their bags, including their sports kit or any required ingredients.
- Homework is completed and ready to be handed in.

## **Arriving on time for the start of the school day – 8.35 am**

Each morning, students have their daily tutor lesson or assembly. Being on time each day is extremely important. When students arrive late, they miss important information provided by their tutor and tutor time activities. In all assemblies, there are key learning opportunities alongside year group celebrations and awards.

Students should arrive no later than 8.30 am, enabling them to be in their tutor room by 8.35 am.

## **Uniform and Equipment**

Please ensure that your child returns to the academy in the correct uniform and with their learning equipment. The Uniform and Equipment Policy is available on our website. As always, we would like to stress that the academy will always support any student, parent, or carer who faces challenges in purchasing uniform or equipment items. Although we have high expectations for our students, we are also a very supportive and caring academy. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any support.

We will be providing a planner for all students on their induction day, along with their new timetables.

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### Mobile phones

We kindly remind parents and carers that students are not allowed to have their mobile phones out at any time during the school day. As they arrive each morning, we will be politely reminding them to switch their phones off and place them in their bags. If they are seen or heard during the day, they will be confiscated and handed to Reception.

We would kindly remind parents and carers to please refrain from contacting their child during the day using their mobile devices. Being contacted encourages students to look at their phones, which then results in their phones being confiscated. Receiving texts and calls from parents or carers is not a valid reason for us not to enforce our policy sanction of confiscating the device, and it leaves academy staff dealing with an avoidable difficult situation. We appreciate your support in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who received their GCSE or A-Level results over the summer. We wish them all the very best for their future and hope they keep in touch, letting us know how they are doing.

Finally, we hope all of our students enjoy the last couple of days of the holiday, and we look forward to regularly updating parents and carers on the successes of our students over the coming term in the weekly parent newsletter.

Regards

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