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**WEST LAKES  
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Changing Lives Through Learning

NW/MR/0001

04<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents/carers

I hope you and your families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer together. I am writing to you with information regarding the start of term this week.

All students return from the summer break on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am. Staff will be on hand in the atrium to support students with where their tutor room will be for this academic year from 8am.

### **UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT:**

Mrs Deeks communicated with you all during the last week of the summer term about uniform and equipment. Here is a reminder about our expectations with regard to both of these things:

### **EQUIPMENT**

It is important the students have the following basic equipment each and every day:

- a pencil case
- black pens
- pencils
- a ruler
- red pens for completing self-assessment
- blue pens for completing peer assessment
- a calculator

Students' equipment will be checked daily by their tutor and we place great emphasis on students being prepared to learn. The simple reason behind this is that learning time is lost if students are having to source or borrow missing items – we want to maximise every minute of learning we can and having the correct equipment every day enables this to happen.

### **UNIFORM**

As you know, our students are extremely smart and we place the highest regard on their personal presentation and the way they wear their uniform – we want our students to look their absolute best. Please can I take the opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy before you prepare to buy new items of uniform over the summer break: [School Uniform – West Lakes Academy – Changing Lives Through Learning](#)

Our standards and expectations are high and we value parent/carer support in ensuring their child meets our uniform expectations. Parents/carers and/or students should check with the academy before purchasing items or colouring/styling hair if they are unsure of whether the item/hairstyle/hair colour will meet with our expectations. Nose studs are not permitted.

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May I take this opportunity to be clear that our uniform policy states that:

- Body con skirts are not permitted – skirts must be tailored and must sit at the knee
- Skinny trousers are not permitted – trousers must be tailored

To order uniform and for uniform queries, please visit [www.oneidentity.co.uk](http://www.oneidentity.co.uk) or telephone Identity on 01229 823584.

If you have any questions or are worried about sourcing the equipment/ uniform needed for our return to school, please contact Miss Relph via email on: [relphm@westlakesmat.org.uk](mailto:relphm@westlakesmat.org.uk) or by calling the academy on 01946 820356.

### **MOBILE PHONES**

We also communicated with you all about our policy on mobile phones from the beginning of this academic year. We consulted on this during the summer term. Many thanks to all parents who responded or who talked to us about this during our SHIP meetings. I can confirm that students will not be allowed to use their mobile phones on the academy site. Students may choose to bring their phone to the academy if they wish, but it must be turned off and kept their bag or locker all day.

I am really looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful students on Wednesday and hearing about their summers.

Yours faithfully



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