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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some key changes we have recently introduced to our classroom routines and expectations, and changes we will be introducing in September 2022 to our College logo and uniform.

### Classroom Routines

As part of our continued drive to support all students to be ambitious learners and to minimise any unnecessary distractions to learning, we have launched our PROUD strategy. The PROUD strategy has been introduced to ensure that movement around the college is calm and purposeful and that students enter and start their lessons with a mindset that shows they are ready to learn. We believe that developing consistent learning habits sit at the heart of a character who is both academic and personally successful, and will allow students to focus on their academic journey with us here at TCOLC as well as instil a set of behaviours that they will be able to carry with them into their professional lives.

The acronym PROUD will help our students to develop the key characters and behaviours they need to start and end their learning in a positive and ambitious way. We expect students to be PROUD as they enter each of their lessons.

**Polite:** by actively returning the polite greeting from their teacher

**Ready to learn:** by being prepared with the equipment required

**On-time for the lesson**

**Uniform:** all present and worn to the highest standard

**Do-Now:** task completed to the best of their ability and to teacher's expectations and instructions.

For your information, students will also not be allowed out of the lesson to go to the toilet and/or to fill up their water bottle, unless of course, your child has a medical need and needs a toilet pass. Students know to do this during social times, so that their learning isn't interrupted and that we are able to ensure they are supervised for the duration of the lesson. At the end of the lesson, your child's teacher will ensure that sufficient time is dedicated for your child to gather their equipment, ensure their uniform is once again worn to the highest standard and to receive any vital information, such as homework and lesson recap and of course to receive praise and rewards from their teacher about the lesson; students will then be dismissed in a silent orderly fashion by the teacher.

One way that you can support your child with our classroom routines, is by ensuring that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, and that they are fully equipped for the day:

that they have both a black and a red pen, a ruler and pencil, and any other subject-specific equipment so they can fully access their lessons.

### Rebranding and Uniform

You may also have heard that the School will be rebranding. This is in part to reflect all of the changes that have been made in the last few years, but also to reflect that we will be joining the Aspire Learning Partnership from September 2022. The new school logo will now reflect the long history of The City of Leicester College with the return of the Wyvern that represented the College for so long but with the addition of our Character Pillars that underpin so much of what we do. We consulted with our staff and our students, and the final design can be found here:



In order to mark this change, all new uniform sold will have an updated look and the new logo. We have always understood that certain elements of the school uniform are expensive and we do not wish to burden parents further in these difficult financial times. Therefore, we will not be expecting students who have blazers and ties that are still useable to replace them, however the old blazers and ties will no longer be available from Uniform Direct and we will see the old blazers replaced over the next year or so as new uniform is needed. Parents will still be able to shop around for black smart trousers or skirts, white shirts or blouses and plain black jumpers from any shop they choose.

Following feedback from parents, we will also be introducing a new PE top from next year. A large number of parents have told us that PE kit is very expensive, particularly when their child wants a particular brand. All students in Year 7-9 next year will be expected to wear the school branded PE Polo Shirt for PE lessons along with dark sporting shorts or trousers. Should students wish to wear a warm top for PE lessons as well, a black PE jumper is also now available. Students will no longer be able to wear any other warm top in their PE lessons. Over the next two years we will expect Year 10 and 11 students to also wear branded PE kit as the younger years move up through the school. An image of the PE jumper, PE Polo Shirt and the unisex and female cut blazers can be found below:



We believe, as research tells us, that a smart uniform is a key component in students displaying the Performance Character we want to see and positively impacts learning behaviour. We are therefore keen that all of our students come to school and proudly wear the school logo as they are representing our community. As we have always done, we have ensured that we have found the cheapest good quality supplier which continues to be Uniform Direct.

#### Donating Uniform Items

We are now also reaching the stage where lots of students will have no need for their old uniform and we ask that if you have any uniform that is too small, or in the case of Year 11 will no longer be needed after the exams, that you donate it back to the school so we can use it for charity. Students can take any washed uniform that is no longer needed to the main reception at any time of the school day and we will make sure it goes to a good home rather than being thrown away. This could be blazers, ties, shirts, blouses, skirts or shoes that you think still have life left in them and will not be used again.

I thank you for your support as we make these key changes. I am aware that you may have questions and encourage you to contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year should you wish to discuss our revised approach towards our PROUD strategy. If you wish to discuss the changes and rebranding, we are making to the College uniform please do contact myself via the main reception.

With best wishes

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