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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, please find below a summary of information regarding the return to school for September 2022 and some changes of our routines and rules for the new academic year.

### Return to school:

Year 7: Monday 5th September 2022. 8.17am Foundations Yard.  
Years 8 -11: Tuesday 6th September 2022. 8.17am Senior Yard.

### School uniforms:

Every year, a number of parents contact the school to check the correct uniform to buy. Please use the following information to help.

The government recently passed legislation requiring schools to examine the cost of school uniforms to families. We have revised our uniform policy in line with this legislation regarding the supply of our uniforms. This will result in lowering the cost for families. For September 2022, uniforms and PE kit will be available via two options:

1. Via the online shop at:

<https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/secondary-schools/kings-leadership-academy-hawthornes/>

2. At the following store:

Paul's Place Schoolwear, 272 Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3ER Tel: 0151 922 2472.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm.

### Equipment:

**Pencil Case** - All students (years 7-11) will be provided with a pencil case with equipment at the start of the year to ensure that they are prepared for learning.

**Chromebook** - Please can I remind parents and carers that students must bring in their Chromebook fully charged and inside their school bag each day.

**School Bag** - Year 7 and 8 students require a bag with the school logo on. This can only be purchased from the school office for £20.

**Footwear** - School shoes are to be worn by all students. Please note that trainers or any kind of canvas shoes are not permitted as uniform; this includes black trainers and Converse-style shoes, in either leather or fabric. School shoes must be plain black and able to be polished, with no motifs, coloured stitching or reflective areas. Boots are not permitted for students. Please see the image below for examples of acceptable school shoes, and those which are not considered suitable for school.



**Make up** - It is not allowed for students to wear make-up, coloured nail varnish and false eyelashes for school. Students will be expected to remove these items.

**Jewellery** - One pair of ear studs and a wristwatch are permitted. No other piercings are allowed.

#### **Behaviour System:**

If a student has disrupted learning during a lesson, they will be required to attend a reflection meeting of up to 30 minutes at the end of the school day. Parents/carers will be informed via text message should this be the case before the end of school.

#### **Attendance:**

In order to succeed and achieve their full potential, a student must be present in the classroom. We expect the highest standards of attendance and punctuality and are always happy to support families

in ensuring the best attendance for our pupils. Research evidence and national statistics link good attendance to the achievement of academic and social potential. Attendance and punctuality also help to develop friendships, team values, career pathways and good life skills.

We encourage all students to work towards 100% attendance and set a minimum attendance target of 97% per year (equivalent to the top quartile of all English secondary schools). This permits 5 days of absence within one academic year. Excellent attendance is celebrated and recognised at the end of each Learning Cycle at our Aspire Assembly.

In line with national guidelines and rules, we do not authorise students to take exceptional leave during term time as this has a very negative impact on their learning.

### **Punctuality:**

Attendance and punctuality at school are a huge focus for us as I am sure you are aware. The start of the school day is an essential part of students' learning. It is vital that every student is in the habit of attending on time every day. It is a crucial skill for life and employability.

Therefore, if a student arrives late to school, they will be required to attend a catch-up session that evening for 30 minutes. Parents/carers will be informed via text message should this be the case before the end of school.

### **Safeguarding:**

If you have a concern about a student's welfare you can email the safeguarding team at [safeguarding@kingshawthornes.com](mailto:safeguarding@kingshawthornes.com).

### **Mobile Phones:**

Students are allowed to have a mobile phone switched off in their bags. If they are seen on the school premises, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Please see below. King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes Term dates 2022-23:

Pre Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2 Inset days:  Thurs 1st Sept – Cross trust Inset  Fri 2nd Sept – Academy Inset  Mon 5th Sept – Yr 7 students return  Tuesday 6th Sept – Yr 8-11 students return	Mon 5th Sept – 21st Oct	Mon 31st Oct – Fri 16th Dec	Wed 4th Jan – Feb	Mon 20th Feb - Fri 31st March	Mon 17th April – Fri 26th May	Mon 5th June – Wed 19th July

Wishing everyone a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gaul  
Mr Peter Gaul (Principal)