

# Scalby School

## Newsletter – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



Dear Parents, and Carers

I hope that you are keeping well and are looking forward to the upcoming festive period. I hope as families you have plenty of opportunities to spend time together and share valuable social experiences.

This has been a term like no other I have experienced in 20 years of working in education. The disruption caused to our school community has been unprecedented. As you know on the 31<sup>st</sup> August the DFE informed us that we would lose 60% of our school classroom space due to the RAAC issue in our school. When I reflect on what we have achieved this term after receiving this news I am proud of the efforts of everyone in our school, and Trust to get the school functioning again. Also a massive thankyou to a variety of local contractors who have delayed other work to support the school. However, this is only the beginning of the journey. Next term will see the delivery of the Village to Scalby which will include 17 new classrooms including specialist teaching areas for Science, Technology, PE and Music. Following the Easter break we will then be in a position to return our Year 7 students onto the school site at Scalby full time. I will provide further details relating to this in new year as building work progresses.

We remain in talks with the DFE with regards Scalby being placed on the school rebuilding programme, these talks are progressing positively, and I hope to be able to provide you with some positive news on this front in the new year.

Yesterday I met with the DFE to lobby for further support for our Year 11 students as they begin to sit their GCSE exams in the new year. I will continue to do this as we move through the year. Please be assured our staff at Scalby school will do everything we can to rectify the disadvantage caused to our students by the decision made by the DFE on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and I personally will continue to challenge people in positions of power on this. As parents I would ask that you continue to support your sons and daughters with home study / revision and attend the scheduled Year 11 parents' evenings in January and March.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December will be the last day of the Autumn term. This day will not be a non-uniform day but students will be able to wear a Christmas jumper instead of a blazer or school jumper. **All other parts of the student uniform should be worn as normal.** Students will be asked to make a £1 donation towards our chosen charity which is the Gallows Close Community Centre, who I know do a lot of good work supporting a number of students and families who are connected to Scalby School.

### End of Term Arrangements

The Autumn term will end at 12:15 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Transport has been arranged to pick students up at 12:15. Students are expected back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the normal start time.

### Year 11 GCSE Trial Examination

Following the Christmas holidays all Year 11 students begin their second round of GCSE trial exams in non-core subjects. These exams are designed to continue building toward the external GCSE examinations in May 2024. Year 11 students should be preparing for these exams and engaging in exam preparation. Thankyou to those parents that attended the Year 11 support evening last week. Revision little and often now will create the right habits for students as they move quickly through Year 11 and will improve their chances of success. I would ask that you try and support them over the coming weeks with their revision.



## Respect Agenda

We have been working hard pushing the Scalby School Respect Agenda with students over the past 12 months. Lockdown and the increased use of smartphones in students' lives has meant that some students find it increasingly difficult to socialise, interact and engage appropriately. As a school we are determined to help students develop so that they can be the best they can be in all areas of their lives. Please be assured we will continue to challenge students when they fall short of our Respect Agenda expectations. Our basics for effective learning will be communicated with students on their return in January. Please continue to support school with reiterating the importance of these basic expectations for maintaining a calm and orderly learning environment.



# Scalby RESPECT



<b>R</b>	Remember that your actions are your choice
<b>E</b>	Enter the classroom on time and greet your teacher
<b>S</b>	Students should follow all instructions, first time
<b>P</b>	Produce all classwork and homework to the best of your ability
<b>E</b>	Ensure that you keep hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself
<b>C</b>	Come to school fully equipped for learning
<b>T</b>	Thank you and please – Be respectful at all times

## Learning • Leadership • Ambition • Preparation • Respect

### Uniform Expectations

The vast majority of our students arrive for school fully equipped, well presented and ready for learning. Unfortunately, some students regularly arrive to school not meeting our expectations. When you accept a place at Scalby school you sign up for our behaviour and uniform policies, it is disappointing that some students feel that these policies do not apply to them. At the end of this letter, I have included details of our uniform policy, these are rules that the local governing body at Scalby School have put in place as one of our strategies to ensure we have a calm orderly school environment. The staff in school have a duty to uphold this policy and we will challenge any student that falls short of it. Please continue to work with school ensuring your child leaves the house adhering to these expectations.





### **Parent Code of Conduct**

Our Trust board recently ratified a Parent Code of conduct that sets out basic expectations for parents when communicating with the school. This sets out expectations for parents / carers when they engage with school. Please take time to read this. It is available by following this [link](#).

### **Attendance**

Over the past two weeks there have been a variety of illnesses that have been circulating through the community and this has affected school attendance. We would ask that as parents / carers you continue to make sensible decisions about whether your child is well enough to be in school.

If your child is absent, you must inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email. Where possible please make medical appointments out of school hours, if this is not possible please send a note in your son / daughters' planner that they can show to a Head of Year and their mentor.

### **Golden Tickets**

Our Golden ticket award scheme has been running successfully again this term. The scheme provides opportunities for students to be recognised for demonstrating the school values of Learning, Ambition, Leadership, Preparation and Respect. As we come towards the end of term, excitement is building about the Golden Ticket draws that will take place this week. There is a fantastic selection of prizes for students to win and I look forward to congratulating the happy winners next week. We are grateful to Woodsmith Anglo- America who have kindly supported this scheme as part of their community support scheme.

### **Being the Best we can be Awards**

On Friday I will be presenting certificates to the students who have excelled in Academic Achievement and Effort so far this year. Staff members have identified these student as those that are demonstrating our school values every single day. If your son / daughter arrives home with an award, please take time to congratulate them and recognise their hard work.

I hope you manage to enjoy some time together as a family over the next couple of weeks and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully

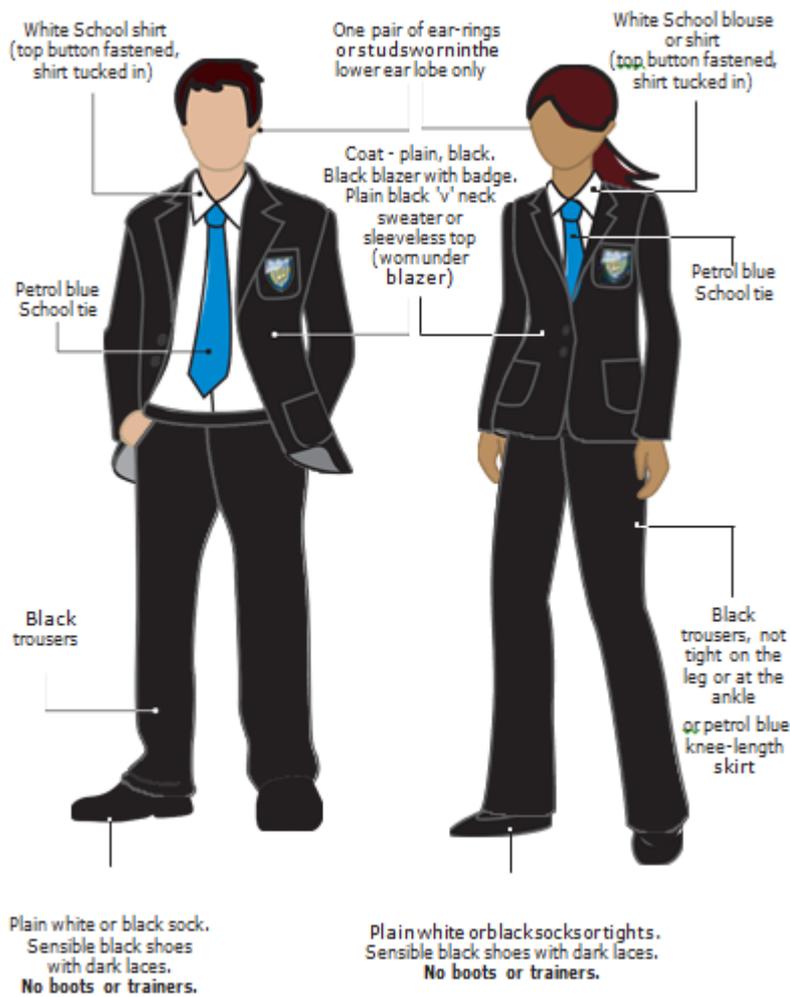
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## School Dress and Appearance Policy



## UNIFORM

- Black blazer with badge\* (**for Years 7-10**)
- Plain black "V" neck sweater, or sleeveless 'tank' top (optional for Years 7-10) **If Years 7 – 10 wear a sweater or sleeveless top, this must always be worn under their blazer**
- Year 11 may wear a black 'v' neck sweater\* with the school oak leaf logo
- Black trousers (**classic cut, not skin tight at the knee or ankle**).





- White blouse/Shirt and school tie
- Plain white or black socks or tights
- Sensible all black shoes with dark laces and soles.

\*Girls may wear a petrol blue **knee-length** skirt with the school logo displayed near the hem or black trousers as described above.

Students who wear items relating to their faith, such as a turban or headscarf, should do so in line with the school colours, which are black or petrol blue.

Students may wear any sensible and acceptable outdoor coat with the following exceptions:

- Pictures, designs, football badges, pop group emblems, and **sweatshirts with hoods are not allowed.**
- Camouflage, military style, denim or leather coats or jackets are not allowed.

Students who arrive in trainers, shoes with coloured logos or stiletto or platform soled shoes will be provided with shoes to wear during the school day.

Scalby School now has a Pre-Loved Uniform shop, where you will find good quality items available for everyone at no cost or for a small donation. For more information please contact **Mrs Wallace** on **01723 362301** or **uniformrequest@sc.coastandvale.academy**

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## APPEARANCE RULES

- Students are permitted to wear one plain stud in the lower lobe position of each ear if their ears are pierced. Earrings must be removed for PE.
- **Earrings larger than studs, nose rings/studs, tongue studs, eye-brow studs or any visible body piercings are unacceptable.**
- **Clear nail varnish only is acceptable**
- **False / acrylic / gel nails are not permitted**





- **No false eyelashes of any description are permitted**
- Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 may not wear make-up. Make-up worn by students in Years 10 and 11 must be discreet and business like

## HAIRSTYLES

- Haircuts and styles must be smart and business like, and not covering the face or eyes
- Hair accessories should be in the school colours of black or teal.
- No shaving all or part of the head
- No lurid, unnatural or extreme colouring
- No tramlines

## EQUIPMENT

The following items are essential and should be brought on a daily basis:

- School planner
- Pen, pencil, ruler and eraser
- Calculator
- A protractor, a pair of compasses
- A strong bag to carry homework, equipment and P.E. Kit.

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Students with long hair must have a hair bobble to tie their hair back and all jewellery must be removed.**

### GIRLS

- Training shoes and white socks
- Football boots and shin guards
- Navy blue football socks





- Older training shoes for Cross Country Runs
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue skirt
- White PE shirt
- Navy blue track suit bottoms
- Navy blue rugby shirt with red band (reversible to all navy) for outdoor winter games
- Shin pads (winter only)

## **BOYS**

- Football boots and shin guards
- Training shoes and white socks
- Navy blue football socks
- Older training shoes for Cross Country Runs
- Navy blue shorts
- White 'T' shirt for indoor lessons and summer games
- Navy blue rugby shirt with red band (reversible to all navy) for outdoor winter games
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms (winter only)
- Boys with long hair must also tie their hair back

