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Dear Parent and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and refreshed after the summer break. It is with great excitement and anticipation that we welcome you all to Oxford Spires Academy for the start of the new academic year.

All students have made an impressive start, especially in the warm temperatures this week. On Wednesday students took part in our Aspiring Habits tutor time launch which set out our ambition for the year ahead and provided clarity over the systems and opportunities available for students at the academy.

Scholar's Guides

All students have received a physical copy of their Scholar's Guide for this cycle and a brand-new equipment pack. In our Scholar's Guide you will see a week-by-week overview of what is being taught in all academic lessons. We are proud of our curriculums and hope by sharing these with students and our community we demonstrate our commitment to a highly academic and engaging program of study.

Attendance Matters: Regular school attendance is the cornerstone of a successful education. It is during these days in school that students acquire the knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to thrive in their academic and personal lives. A strong attendance record is directly linked to improved academic performance, social development, and long-term success.

We, at Oxford Spires Academy, are committed to providing a stimulating and supportive learning environment, and we rely on your partnership in ensuring that your child attends school punctually and consistently. Please help us by scheduling holidays and medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. In cases of illness, please notify us promptly.

In the event of unavoidable absences, it is essential to communicate with the school to ensure that your child does not fall behind in their studies. We are here to support and work collaboratively with you to ensure that every student has the opportunity to maximise their learning potential.

The only way to communicate a student's absence is through ClassCharts. The attendance phone line is now closed. You can request your ClassCharts login information by clicking [here](#).

Correct Uniform

Wearing the correct school uniform is not only a matter of school policy but also a reflection of our shared commitment to creating a positive and inclusive school



environment. A smart and uniform appearance fosters a sense of pride, belonging, and discipline among our students. It also eliminates distractions related to clothing choices, enabling them to focus on their studies.

I kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform policy. Please check our school website or contact the school office if you need any clarification regarding the uniform requirements. We appreciate your attention to this matter and your support in maintaining our school's standards.

Jewellery

Our uniform policy states that students can wear a single stud pair of earrings. From Monday any additional jewellery will be confiscated for one week. Students will be able to collect any item confiscated from Student Services. This week we have only asked students to remove jewellery and reminded them of this system in preparation for Monday.

Our Student Services office is open from 8:10am every morning, students needing to borrow uniform, or equipment will be provided with whatever they require with no sanction if they request this between 8:10am and 8:30am. We respect student's leadership in resolving issues before the school day starts.

As we commence this new academic year, let us remember that our collective efforts and commitment to attendance and uniform standards contribute significantly to the overall success and well-being of our students. With your continued partnership, I am confident that we will achieve great things together.

Please stay connected with the school through our regular communications, parent evenings, and school events. Your involvement is invaluable to us and plays a pivotal role in your child's education.

Open Evening 28th September 2023

Open Evening is always an extremely well attended and exciting event, welcoming prospective families who will meet staff and students before making the important choice of a secondary school.

In order for us to prepare for our upcoming Open Evening on Thursday 28th October, the academy will close to all students at 1.20pm. The canteen will also be closed to students on this day at lunchtime. Students in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will be encouraged to eat at first break or offered a take home packed lunch. We will contact FSM families shortly with further details.



Inset Day

Friday 29th September 2023 is INSET Day and the school will be closed to all students.

I would like to thank you for all of your support and understanding during this important time for Oxford Spires Academy.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will make this year a remarkable and rewarding one.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Louise Cowley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'L' and 'C'.

Louise Cowley

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