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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11: Aiming for GCSE success at Barlby High School

We hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family are enjoying the summer break from school and its associated routines. I am writing with a reminder of the arrangements for the start of the new school year.

All students should attend school on Wednesday 9th September. The gate opens at 08:30am and registration is at **08:45am**. Students will begin the day with their tutor, where they will be issued with their new timetable and planner.

Equipment:

Please ensure that your child has the following equipment from the first day of term and every day:

- School planner (will be issued on day one by form tutors)
- Black pens
- Red pen
- Whiteboard pen
- HB pencil
- 30cm ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Scientific calculator
- Reading book (these can be borrowed from our learning resource centre)
- Yondr pouch

Please ensure your child does not bring any of the following prohibited items into school:

- Mobile phones - should be locked into Yondr pouches on arrival at school
- Smart watches and any other smart devices - should be locked into Yondr pouches on arrival at school
- Aerosols
- Caffeinated and fizzy drinks
- False nails
- Facial piercings and jewellery other than one pair of studs worn in the lobes and a watch
- Hair should be natural in colour and style. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted

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Uniform:

Please see a reminder of our uniform list below and note particularly the slight change from previous years to a pleated skirt as has been previously communicated. Our branded jumper can be purchased from Classroom Clothing in Selby. They also stock a variety of non branded uniform items such as PE t-shirts, trousers, polo shirts etc. You are, however, free to purchase these from elsewhere should you so choose.

Website : www.classroomclothing.co.uk

Email: enquiries@classroomclothing.co.uk

Please ensure that your child wears the following uniform from the first day of term and every day:

- **Navy sweatshirt** with the school logo only. No cardigans.
- **Black skirt**, pleated, knee length, no splits or flares and no extreme style. Skirts should not be made from tight or stretchy fabric.
- **Black trousers** of waist height and ankle length which should not be skin tight or jeans / denim / cargo / chino style. Worn with a thin black belt if necessary, no fashion belts / large buckles. Leggings are not permitted.
- **White polo shirt**, plain polo shirt must be long enough to be tucked in and wide enough at the neck to fasten the buttons.
- **Black socks** must not be worn over tights. Trainer socks must not be worn with trousers.
- **Black or natural tights**, plain (not patterned). Leggings are not permitted.
- **Black footwear**, plain shoes with flat or low heels - no canvas, sandals, mules, sling-backs, knee length boots, UGG boots or baseball shoes - or plain trainers - no coloured stitching.

Attendance:

Attendance is a huge priority for all students at Barlby High School and we encourage all students to reach our attendance target of 97% throughout the academic year. Excellent attendance begins in the first week of term and with only 29 weeks until the final written GCSE exams, with deadlines for controlled assessments (coursework) and practical exams before this, we want our Year 11s to build consistent attendance patterns from day one of the new school year. We know that attendance is the single most important factor in impacting GCSE outcomes; students with 95% attendance are twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in GCSEs in English and maths when compared to students with 90% attendance. Statistics show that if a student is absent in the first week they are significantly more likely to suffer from persistent absence as the year progresses, so it could not be more important to begin September with excellent attendance habits and cement their chances of GCSE success. With only 16 school days in September, we want all students to aim for 100% and achieve their **#SeptemberAttendanceStreak**.

We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Please avoid arranging holidays, appointments or other activities during school hours wherever possible. Students need to **#BeInToWin** and there are weekly, monthly and half termly rewards on offer for those who attend school every day. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We

are here to help and are committed to working with families to ensure every student can attend regularly and thrive.

The whole school team is busy preparing for the new term and we are looking forward to welcoming our returning students next week. If you have any queries, please contact Reception at school from Monday 7 September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Welsh and Mrs Tanner-Smith

Vice Principal and Assistant Vice Principal | Barlby High School