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## Mrs Hawken, Deputy Head and Mrs Kirby, Head

14 July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support through this last academic year. It has made such a difference having parents and carers on board so that all students make good academic progress. We are writing to you for your continued support in the following areas, to ensure that learning becomes the main priority for our students and staff do not have to spend learning time checking equipment and uniform.

**1. Uniform** – We ask parents to ensure all students are in correct uniform from DAY 1 in September 2016.

Tops

- Polo Shirts (compulsory) - plain white polo shirt with no markings or logos.
- V-Neck Sweater/cardigan (optional) - grey, available only from the SWI website. This is not in place of the blazer which must be worn at all times.
- Blazer (compulsory) - grey with the school crest, available only from the SWI website ([www.swi.co.uk](http://www.swi.co.uk))

Trousers/skirts

- Black smart trousers
- Black skirt worn no higher than two inches above the knee (A line or box pleated)
- Plain black or nude tights (no patterns) can be worn with skirts
- Salwar Kameez in black only
- Black or white headscarf

No jeans, leggings, jogging bottoms, jeggings, treggings or denim of any kind are acceptable.

FOOTWEAR – black shoes only

Full uniform guidance is available on our website [www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/uniform](http://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/uniform)

**2. Equipment** – All students should come to school with the correct equipment. This includes pens, pencils, mathematics equipment, correct PE dress and a planner provided by the school. Any students without a planner and equipment will be liable to receive a consequence. This equipment is essential for student learning. Students will be bringing their school exercise books home to aid with parental involvement with their work. Therefore students will need a bag which accommodates A4 size books.

**3. Mobile phones** - We do not want to see or hear mobile phones at school.

Research has shown that mobile phones distract students and lead to poorer exam results. <http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/may/15/mobile-phone-bans-improve-school-exam-results-research-shows>.





## Head

Jolie Kirby, BA, NPQH

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Mobile phones should not be seen or heard anywhere on the school site. We know that having a mobile phone is part of keeping safe on the way to and from school but once inside the school gates, they should be switched off and kept in the student's bag. This includes time before school, break time, lunchtime and after school. If seen or heard, students will be asked to put them away and if the problem persists phones will be confiscated and given back at the end of the school day. The same rule applies to headphones. Parents or carers who wish to contact students should call Cheney reception or the Assistant Head of Year.

**4. Piercings** – The school does not allow piercings on the face. This is for health and safety reasons. Students with piercings will be asked to remove the stud / jewellery.

**5.** Students who receive **free school meals** (FSM) or are pupil premium students (students who have received FSM at any time during the last six years) may be able to receive support with the purchase of a school blazer – please contact your college office with details of your request. If there are any blazers that are too small and cannot be passed on to another child the school would be grateful if these could be brought into colleges for the school to use.

**6. Healthy Students** – We provide a free breakfast of cereal to all students from 8:00 am – 8:25am and we recommend our school lunches which are well balanced and good value for money. Students should not bring fizzy drinks or energy drinks on site as they will be confiscated. Both these kinds of drinks usually contain large amounts of sugar which can cause tooth decay and obesity. Energy drinks also contain large amounts of caffeine which can cause hyperactivity and sleeping problems. Even diet soft drinks have been linked to serious health problems. The NHS advises that chocolate, cakes and sweets are only eaten as occasional treats. Students should not bring more than one chocolate bar, portion of cake or bag of sweets to school per day. Any more will be confiscated.

Our college staff are here to support our students throughout their time at Cheney, and I have listed their contact details overleaf for your reference. Please note that we have also updated our Respect for Learning Policy and would like to encourage you and your child to make yourself familiar with our general rules and expectations ([www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/policies](http://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/policies))

We look forward to supporting all students to achieve their very best and we are looking forward to their return to school ready to learn.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hawken  
Deputy Head

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## Year and College teams

### Year teams:

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