



June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Information about the End of the School Year

The term will end on Tuesday July 23rd at 1pm. School Buses will run as normal on that day at 3pm. Please let school know before the 19th July if you need your child to be supervised until 3pm via schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk.

Results Days

Year 13 results are released on **Thursday August 15th** and Year 11 results are released on **Thursday August 22nd**. Parents of Y13 and Y11 students should already have received an email giving further details of these two days.

There will be a phased start to the next academic year to allow year groups to be inducted separately.

Year 7 – Start Tuesday September 3rd

On this day students should arrive at school ready for an 8.35am start, and enter via the Student Entrance. The pastoral team will be there to meet them and show them to the main hall. Students should be in full school uniform and have all their equipment as detailed at the end of this letter. Normal lessons will start from period 4.

Year 12 - Start Tuesday September 3rd at 11.15 am

Year 12 should go straight to the Drama Studio at 11.00 am and will start their normal lessons from period 4.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11, & 13 – Start Wednesday 4th September

All students should arrive at school at 8.35 am and go to their lines as usual.

On this day all students will have an extended form period and an assembly from 8.35 to 10.45am. They will start normal lessons from period 3.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and wish you a happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Cloherty
Headteacher

Preparing for the new school year

Uniform

All students in Years 7 to 11 must wear:

- Black blazer with SWHS badge
- Long or short sleeve white shirt, must be tucked in and done up to the collar
- School tie with House colours- available from Student Services
- Black school trousers, grey checked skirt or black pinafore dress
- Skirts must be knee length
- Plain black belt with plain, non-branded buckle
- Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- Polishable black school shoes; either flat or with a heel not exceeding 5cm
- Sports trainers may only be worn for PE lessons or for games activities at lunchtime only
- Other footwear, including walking boots and plimsolls, are not allowed to be worn
- Please see the attached sheet with examples of acceptable and unacceptable footwear. If you are in any doubt about what is acceptable, please contact a member of the pastoral team before purchasing

Jewellery / Make-Up

Please ensure that any new piercings are completed in the early stages of the break so that items can be safely removed before the start of the school year in September. If hair is dyed during the summer break it should be returned to a natural colour in time for the start of the school year in September.

- Jewellery should not be worn in school. An inexpensive watch and one small stud in each ear are acceptable.
- Other earrings, 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 Year 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
- Discreet hair accessories should be in the school colours of black, red or white
- No shaving all or part of the head
- No lurid, unnatural or extreme colouring
- No tramlines

Mobile Phones/Electronic devices

We are a phone free school. Phones should not be brought into school. If a phone or other electronic device is seen during the school day, it will be confiscated.

Other Equipment

Students should organise themselves for school and be responsible for bringing the necessary books and equipment to lessons. The following items are essential and should be brought on a daily basis:

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

Our rules on appearance, uniform and mobile phones have been written so that children can come to school and focus on their learning. When students do not have the distraction of social media, or peer pressure to wear the latest trainers, they can concentrate on enjoying meaningful interactions with their peers and making excellent progress in lessons.

We have made our uniform as inexpensive as possible so that it does not add each to the financial burden of families. We are committed to ensuring every student has the correct uniform and equipment to ensure they can make the very best progress, every single day. If you would like to discuss the financial support available please contact your child's House Progress Leader.

Trousers & Skirts

ACCEPTABLE

Skirts

'Castle' tartan skirt

A pinafore dress is also acceptable

Trousers

Plain, black, tailored trousers



UNACCEPTABLE

Skirts

Above the knee, straight or tube style

Trousers

Black denim or leggings

School Shoes

ACCEPTABLE

Black polishable school shoes only.



UNACCEPTABLE

No canvas, trainers, pumps, plimsoles, Vans, Converse, walking boots or boots. Shoes must be flat with no platform or heel and must be below the ankle.



REMEMBER -
YOU MUST CHANGE BACK INTO YOUR SCHOOL SHOES AFTER
A PE/DANCE LESSON