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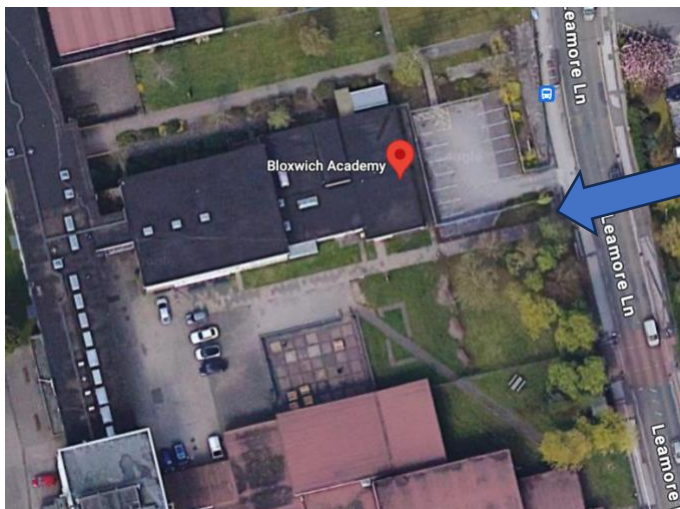
Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. We know you want the very best for your children and we are making some improvements to Bloxwich Academy which will ensure all children here receive an exceptional education. This letter outlines some of these improvements as well as reminders about uniform and equipment.

We usually start the new year with a training day and this year we are starting with two. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> was already on the calendar, but our Trust Board has granted us an additional day, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, so that we can deliver additional training to staff. This means **pupils will not return to school until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

The additional training time will be used to put in place some simple things which will make a big difference to the school experience of our children.

**Pupils will need to be onsite for 8.30am.** From January onwards, pupils will be allowed onto school site from 8.15am, not before. Breakfast Club will not operate on the first day. Further information will follow about Breakfast Club. **There will only be one entrance to school: the main entrance on Leamore Lane, shown on the map below.**



## Detentions

Detentions will now be set the same day. These will be 20, 40 or 60 minutes depending on how severe the behaviour was. If a pupil misses a detention they will be reset a 60 minute detention for the following day. Failure to attend this will mean a pupil has to be in reflection the following day and they will complete the missed detention.

## Uniform

**If your child comes in without correct uniform they will be expected to change into correct uniform. No notes will be accepted as we have plenty of spare uniform. No child will be allowed into the main body of the school without correct uniform.**



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Our uniform policy is unchanged and you can read it in full here:  
<https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/secondary-uniform/>

There are photos of suitable and unsuitable items on our website.

**Black Blazer** with School Badge and House Tie. Blazers must be worn at all times.

**White Shirt** - Collared white shirt that must be tucked into:

**Black Trousers** - non-stretch material of a standard cut (Lycra style, skin tight trousers or combat trousers or skirt trousers are NOT acceptable) **Pupils are not permitted to wear leggings, jeggings, tapered or cropped trousers.**

Or

**Black Plain Skirt** - knee length or below, worn with black tights or plain black or white ankle socks. Knee length socks are not acceptable in school.



**Shoes** - black leather, no platforms, slingbacks, knee length boots. Heel height no more than two inches. Plain black shoes (no trainers).

**Belt** - No fashion belts to be worn. Must be plain and suitable for business dress.

**Jumper** (optional) - A plain black, non- branded V-neck jumper. Tracksuit tops and sweatshirts are not acceptable as an outdoor coat.

**Jewellery** is not suitable wear for school and can be dangerous, it will be actively discouraged. Leave all jewellery at home. Body or facial piercings are NOT acceptable. One plain gold or silver stud in the ear lobe is permissible. No other jewellery to be worn.

**Make-up** must not be worn in Key Stage 3. False nails or eyelashes, including extensions are not allowed.

**Hair** - no hair colour or high fashion or cult hair styles, or shaved eyebrows.

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform at all times and their appearance should be appropriate to a working environment. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties tied so that 6 stripes are visible underneath the knot.

Coats are not to be worn around the school building.

Our ties and badges are stocked by Clive Marks at their Schoolwear store.

(19, Park Place Shopping Centre, Park St, Walsall WS1 1NP) and Uniform Plus (935 Walsall Rd, Birmingham B42 1TN)

**Jewellery:** Pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain gold or silver studs in the lower earlobe. **No one is allowed to wear other kinds of earrings, including hoops. Facial piercings are not permitted.** Piercings must be taken out prior to all PE lessons and sporting activities. Any other jewellery worn may be confiscated and placed in the school safe for collection at the end of the day.

**Make-up** in years 7 and 8 is not allowed. Make-up in years 9, 10 and 11 is to be discreet and natural-looking if it is to be worn at all. False eyelashes are not permitted, nor are fake tans. Natural nail varnish is permitted but false nails are also not allowed. In the event of a make-up/nail varnish infringement, pupils will be asked to remove their make-up and or nail varnish in their house office.



## Hair Style

Extreme hair colour and high fashion cult hairstyles are not permitted. Shaved heads (grade 2 or shorter) and shaved eyebrows are not permitted. Any cult and other extreme hairstyles or body marking/piercing is banned.

## Equipment

Pupils must have basic equipment to be able to learn.

Pupils who do not bring the equipment they need they will be sanctioned.

Pupils must bring the following equipment to school every day:

- A suitably sized waterproof bag for transporting books, Homework, equipment etc. The bag must be large enough to hold an A4 folder.
- Pens including at least 1 black and green pen.
- Pencils, ruler and eraser, in a pencil case.

Pupils are **NOT** to bring scissors into school. Staff provide suitable safety scissors if they are needed in lessons.

We will endeavour to ensure all pupils strive to 'be the best they can be' each and every day.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



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