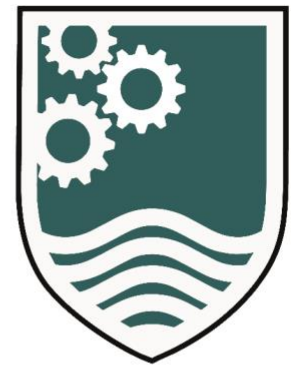


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Dear Parents/Carers



CURRICULUM INTENT

Building **successful, resilient** and **confident** individuals.

Our curriculum provides pupils with the **knowledge, skills** and enriching **opportunities** to thrive in their chosen **career** path, and make valuable and **informed contributions** to a modern society.

OUR VALUES



Valuable contribution
Attempting school
Lead respectful lives
Understanding towards others
Everyone is equal
Self motivated to achieve

I would like to say how wonderful it is to be back with our fantastic staff and pupils here at Bloxwich Academy. It has been a wet summer with little sunshine, but seeing so many familiar smiles, and a new Year 7 cohort adding to the glow, has made it feel like summer has truly arrived.

I have to say, the uniform standard of our pupils, new and old has been a pleasure to behold. Stiff pressed trousers, and shiny shoes, pleated skirts and smart blazers have replaced many of the less professional clothing worn previously. We asked you and you responded, so thank you.

Please be secure in the knowledge that we do not decide upon our uniform policy without much discussion and thought. Our desire is to create an ethos of equality and remove the anxiety many pupils feel when they have to compete with pupils who have expensive trainers, belts and jewellery. Many of our pupils cannot afford such luxuries, and truly, it can cause children to refuse school due to sense of shame that they cannot. We cannot allow these luxury items to become a barrier to the success of others, nor can we pretend that in the world of work there are not dress codes and uniforms in many, many careers. Our pupils need to be prepared for the world of work, and rules are a part of building confident and resilient pupils.

With this in mind, it is great to see the amount of jewellery has decreased hugely, including hoops and bracelets, as I say to the pupils daily in line up, nothing that jangles, nothing that dangles. No hoops or loops, and I think they have listened.

One point I would like to make is regarding retainers for nose piercings. In the rest of our Matrix schools there is a ban on nose studs and retainers, however, we have listened to you, our parents, and decided to allow retainers for the time being. We will give a period of grace to the end of this half term to ensure you have enough time to fall to line with the



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partner schools in our academy chain. This will provide our pupils with the time needed for any new piercings to heal. What I will ask of you is that you choose retainers that are clear or skin tone, and tiny, and preferably flat to the skin, as there are some we have seen that are larger than the stud it is replacing.

Finally, I would like to say again how happy we are at Bloxwich Academy to welcome our pupils back, and our new Year 7 pupils and parent/carers into our school community. This year is going to be a year where we build upon the improvements of the last, creating a school that believes in our pupils achieving the very best that they can. A school where learning is enjoyed, and teachers can share the love of their subjects with pupils who want to be here, a school that we are all proud of.

Yours sincerely



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