

Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow Dysgwyr Heddiw, Arweinwyr Yfory

Friday November 19th 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Carers,

I trust that this letter finds you safe and well this afternoon.

There are four school weeks until the end of the Autumn Term 2021; the end of term for pupils is Friday December 17th. It has undoubtedly been a very challenging term for all of us, as you are aware, we have experienced very high levels of staff absence, for both covid and non-covid reasons. It has been disruptive for my staff and for our pupils. I hope your son/daughter is enjoying their time back in full time education and that they are returning to their familiar routines following the recent upheaval caused by the pandemic.

This Autumn Term has been the first time, since December 2020, that all 1275 of our pupils and students have been in school together. Whilst the majority of pupils have been working hard to respectfully, readily and responsibly settle into our daily routines, it has come to my attention that some individuals have already made exceptionally poor choices with regard to the use of mobile phones, the standard of their school uniform, their behaviour and their punctuality to school and lessons. We understand that the pandemic and lockdowns have been challenging for many of us, but not something to pin poor attitudes and behaviour on and certainly not justification for any of the above.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the strict protocols we have governing mobile phone use and a reminder of the uniform and punctuality standards.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones out during the school day whilst in classrooms or corridors. They should be turned off during lessons and may only be used in the main hall during lunch for the purpose of checking/sending messages or in the playground. Pupils are expressly not allowed to take photographs or videos of one another within school. Pupils who post malicious communications will face serious consequences. I cannot make this any clearer.

From Monday 22nd November and following a weeks' notice to pupils, staff will confiscate mobile phones if these rules are not adhered to. Confiscated phones are handed to the class teacher who will hand the phone over to reception for collection by the pupil at the end of the day. **Should the same pupil have the mobile phone confiscated more than once in the week then the parents will be requested to pick up the phone from reception at the end of the day, or at your convenience.**

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Uniform

At Ysgol Harri Tudur, we place an emphasis on pride in our community. A visible indication of this is in the standard of students' uniform.

Please read below to clarify what the school uniform should be to ensure that your son/daughter is fully attired in the correct school uniform.



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Please find below an illustrative guide to the school uniform.



Unless otherwise stated, the items below are available from general supermarket uniform ranges as well as Tees R Us. Where specific items are only available via Tees R Us this is identified under the images*. Price lists from Tees R Us are available on request via their website.

School Blazer with embroidered school badge* available only through Tees R Us (optional for 6th Form). A self-sew badge* may be available under special circumstances.

Clip-on School Tie in Year colour with embroidered school badge* – available only through Tees R Us (requires shirt with top button so ensure generous collar size for comfort).

Years 7 – 11

Sixth Form

Girls' Uniform

Plain black V neck jumper (optional)

Plain white girls' shirt, not blouse

Tailored black trousers or Tailored knee length black skirt

Black tights or short black socks

Smart & durable black shoe

Total average Cost (Girls) inc footwear: £90

Sixth Form Uniform

Tailored knee length black skirt or Tailored black trousers

Plain white shirts

Grey jumper or cardigan with logo* (Tees R Us only)

Smart ladies' shoe

Black tights or short black socks as in Years 7-11

Smart men's shoe

Total Average Sixth Form Cost
£65 (Exc. optional Blazer)

Boys' Uniform

Smart & durable black shoe

Plain black V neck jumper (optional)

Plain white boys' shirt

Tailored black trousers or Black socks

Total average Cost (Boys) inc footwear: £90

Embroidered coat £30.00 TRUs only* (optional)

PE Kit: All items* (except shorts) are embroidered with the school logo and are available from Tees R Us. Plain shorts are available from supermarkets.

Important notes: Trousers and skirts should be traditional uniform style – as sold in supermarkets and uniform stockists (no jeans, lycra, tight fit or rips will be accepted). Make-up is not permitted in Years 7-9, discrete make-up is acceptable in Years 10-13. Jewellery is not encouraged; earrings should be stud / small hoops only, hair accessories should be simple and avoid extremes of fashion. Shoes should be plain black, smart and 'polish-able'; 'sports' and 'casual' trainers such as 'Vans' are not permitted.

We maintain a store of spare items in our school shop, to enable pupils to maintain our high standards. Where appropriate, a pupil who is not wearing the correct uniform will be asked to wear a replacement item provided by the school until the end of that day and have the **non-uniform item confiscated until the end of the day**.

To facilitate this process, our Senior Leadership Team will monitor uniform on a daily basis at the school gate. Should pupils be unable to wear the appropriate uniform then please provide your child with a note explaining the situation and an indication of when the issue will be rectified (e.g. sole fallen off shoes, buying new ones tonight).

Punctuality

Over the last couple of weeks, there has been an increase in the numbers of pupils arriving late for school. Pupils who arrive late miss mentor time, assemblies and the beginning of their first lesson; this means that they miss important information and often then disrupt the teaching and learning of others. We would be grateful for the absolute support of all parents/carers in ensuring that their child leaves home early enough each morning to get to school on time and in encouraging them to be punctual.

Pupils who arrive late for no good reason are issued with a 30-minute detention that evening. If a student fails to attend the 30-minute detention, then this is increased to a day in our Internal Exclusion room with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

As we continually strive for the very best for your child/ren, we hope to be able to work collaboratively with parents/carers to demand the very best for our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Kite', written in a cursive style.

Mrs F Kite
Headteacher