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THE GAINSBOROUGH ACADEMY

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HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the academic year I wanted to write and say thank you for all of your ongoing support this academic year. I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some information for our return in September.

I want to thank parents for their continued support of the school's high expectations and ambitions for their children. We expect all students to attend in full uniform. I am pleased to recognise the vast improvements in uniform over this academic year. I acknowledge, however, that a small number of students have not met our expectations recently.

As a reminder our school uniform is:

- TGA tie
- TGA jumper
- White shirt
- Plain black tailored trousers
- Plain black tailored shorts
- Plain black tailored knee length skirts

Purchasing school uniforms can be challenging for parents, as many retail outlets market inappropriate items as 'school trousers' or 'school skirts'. Trousers should be tailored, black trousers, not leggings or yoga pants. Please do not purchase any trousers that are labelled 'leggings'.

I am confident that parents share our concern over the lengths of school skirts. Skirts should be 'knee-length' and made of an appropriate fabric to ensure they do not become excessively short. Please do not purchase any 'tube' type skirts; these are not acceptable. Should any student only feel comfortable in a 'tube' skirt, they should wear trousers.

Students will need a school jumper and will not be permitted to wear other non-school jumpers whilst in the school building.

Additionally, students wearing socks should arrive in black socks and school shoes should be plain black leather or leather-look shoes. Shoes should not be made of canvas material. You can find a full copy of our uniform policy and examples of what is and isn't acceptable on the academy website at: <https://thegainsboroughacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

The only visible jewellery a student wears should be a small stud or sleeper in each ear. Students seen with any other jewellery will be asked to remove this. This then poses a potential risk that jewellery that is of monetary or sentimental value could be lost. Therefore, we request that no other jewellery be brought onto the school site.

Can I also remind you that fake eyelashes and false nails are also not allowed in school. If students paint their nails it should be of a neutral colour.



All students should arrive on Tuesday 2nd September with a bag big enough to hold an A4 folder, a pencil case with, as a minimum, 2x pens, 1x pencil, 1x rubber and 1x ruler, in a pencil case. Students slow their learning down, and the learning of other students, if they fail to arrive equipped. To do this is not acceptable. All students are expected to *take responsibility for their choices and actions and support others around them.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the academy for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who are leaving us this week' Mr Adshead and Miss Farrell.

Also leaving this week is Mrs Hoggarth who many of our families will have worked with over the 23 years that she has supported students in Gainsborough Schools. I would like to thank her for the many years that she has dedicated to working with the young people of Gainsborough and wish her well for the future, I know that she will be missed.

All the staff at the school would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. We hope you have a restful summer break and look forward to the return of all students on Tuesday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Skelton'.

Rachael Skelton
Headteacher