



# CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Key MA (Ed)

26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Since I arrived in September 2016 I have found so much to be proud of at Chailey School. As our recent Ofsted inspection commented, pupils' conduct is 'typically exemplary, both in lessons and around the school, and pupils are 'encouraged to have high aspirations'. Chailey School is proud to have a 'family' feel and very positive relationships between students and staff. We continually strive to provide the right level of challenge to allow all students to meet their own potential.

I try to walk around the school site and visit lessons as much as possible and I never fail to be impressed with the work ethic of the students and staff. Visitors also regularly comment on our positive atmosphere.

There has been one area though where staff are becoming increasingly frustrated. Although the vast majority of our students look smart and do the right thing at the right time, not all students do. The appearance of the student community is important to us. It gives the wider community a sense of who we are.

From the beginning of next term, **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**, we are going to issue the 'Chailey Community Card'. Every student will carry this in their blazer pocket. It will provide staff the opportunity to reward students who meet our high expectations for uniform and behaviour around the school and provide a consequence for students who are in breach of our rules.

## Rewards

Students who keep their Community Card 'clean' each term will receive merits and be placed into a year group raffle for the chance to win a prize.

## Sanctions

Students that breach our expectations in relation to behaviour outside of lessons, respect for the school site and uniform infringements will have their card signed. Four signatures on one card will lead to a sanction.

To support us with this it would be most helpful if parents and carers are able to ensure their children leave home in the right uniform, worn correctly:

- Skirts should be no shorter than the long length of a credit card above the knee
- Trousers should be formal (not chinos) and not rolled up at the bottom
- Skirts should not be rolled up
- Jumpers should not be worn tucked inside skirts or trousers
- Only one stud earring should be worn in each ear lobe. No other piercings should be visible
- No other jewellery should be worn except a simple 'religious' necklace or a watch





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- Shoes should be plain black and made of leather type material (no canvas shoes)
- There should be no pen or other markings on the skin
- Nails should be natural with no nail varnish
- Make-up if worn should be very discrete
- Hair should be a natural colour. We do not allow hair to be cut shorter than a 'grade 2'
- Chewing gum is not permitted in school

If we believe your child has an item of uniform that doesn't comply with our uniform policy we will be in touch separately so that this can be addressed over the summer holidays and before we return to school in September.

Your support in ensuring that all students meet our high standards is greatly appreciated. Should you have any queries or require any clarification, please contact either Mrs Hutchinson for students in Years 7 and 8 or Mrs Kinderman for students in Years 9 and 10.

Yours sincerely

Helen Key  
Headteacher

