

9th March 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Uniform

Often, when we emerge from a cold spell of weather, we find that uniform standards have slipped. This year is no exception, so we intend to reinforce them over the next few days.

The three main points we expect students to note are listed below:

- We expect all students to wear black shoes, not trainers.
- Hoodies are not allowed as top coats. If a coat is worn over the blazer it must be a proper coat, not a hoodie. Likewise, brightly-coloured or flamboyant coats should not be worn.
- Ornate accessories, such as jewellery, belts and bracelets are not permitted.

The school website contains a complete list of approved school uniform, if you are in doubt.

We will be confiscating some of the above items, in the case of persistent offenders, and keeping them safely in school until collected by their parents.

Your support in encouraging your son/daughter to wear correct school uniform, including on the way to and from school, is very much appreciated. Thank you.

DSF – *Do Something Fun*

Actually, DSF stands for ‘Disadvantage Subsidy Funding’, but ‘Do Something Fun’ is a more interesting heading.

We have been given some funding, by the Government, to help students who are unable to take part in activities because of financial constraints.

This money can be used to help students in many ways, for example:

- to join a club
- to follow a hobby
- to participate in a school activity.

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We always like to encourage our students to take part in extra-curricular activities. The benefits of doing so are well-known. The sorts of things the funding might be used for are:

Street Dance
Fishing

Circus Skills
Swimming Lessons
Sailing

Martial Arts
DJ-ing

... but there are many more.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● If your child is in receipt of free school meals;● if you are claiming other benefits;● if there are other circumstances which might prevent your child taking part in an activity | <p>or</p> <p>or</p> |
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then your child might be able to benefit from DSF funding.

If this is of interest to you, please complete the reply slip at the end of this letter. (Further copies of the reply slip are available from Reception at both sites.) All information will be held in strict confidence.

If you have any queries, Mrs Hunt will be pleased to talk to you about them. Please do telephone her on 01933 222793.

Wrenn School Association – AGM

The AGM of the Wrenn School Association (WSA) will take place on **Wednesday 21st April** at 6.15 pm in Broadway Library. This will be followed by a routine meeting at which future fund-raising events will be planned.

If you would like to become involved with the WSA, and haven't yet been along, this would be a good opportunity to start, and you would be helping to raise money for school activities as well.

Curriculum Focus Days

Well done to the students on how they have responded to the Curriculum Focus Days so far. The days have generally been enjoyed, and have been a positive addition to the school year.

There are two remaining this year, both next term:

	<u>Wednesday, 28th April</u>	<u>Thursday 8th July</u>
Year 7	D&T/Languages	Mathematics
Year 8	English	PE/Languages
Year 9	Mathematics	Science
Year 10	Option Subjects (Block C)	(Work Experience)
Year 11	Revision for Exams	
Sixth Form	General Studies	UCAS/ <i>AimHigher</i>

We have been interested to receive feedback from the Year and School Councils on these, and will be using this to help plan for next year. If you have any comments to make, we would be pleased to hear them. Please pass them to Mrs Hunt, Deputy Head, at our Doddington Road site.

Dates for next year

To help with advance planning, dates for the next academic year will be as follows:

Autumn Term 2010

First day of term for students:	Thursday 2nd September
Half-term:	Week beginning 25th October
Last day of term for students:	Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2011

First day of term for students:	Wednesday 5th January
Half-term:	Week beginning 21st February
Last day of term for students:	Thursday 7th April

Summer Term 2011

First day of term for students:	Tuesday 26th April
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 2nd May
Half-term:	Week beginning 30th May
Last day of term for students:	Friday 22nd July

Through the Wellingborough Education Partnership, all schools – primary and secondary – have agreed on the following training days:

2010:	Wednesday 1st September	Friday 22nd October (*)	
2011:	Tuesday 4th January	Friday 18th February (*)	Friday 8th April

(*) denotes the last day before a half-term.

Provisional Dates for 2011/12

The Local Authority have proposed the following dates for the academic year 2011/12:

Autumn Term 2011:	Tuesday 6th September 2011 to Friday 16th December (inclusive) Half-term – week beginning 24th October
Spring Term 2012:	Wednesday 4th January 2012 to Friday 30th March (inclusive) Half-term – week beginning 13th February
Summer Term 2012:	Tuesday 17th April to Friday 20th July (inclusive) Half-term – week beginning 4th June

These dates have yet to be finally agreed, but I will confirm them if and when they are.

(Here's a morsel of interesting information. Normally the school year has 190 days, but 2011/12 will have 189; there will be an extra day off to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.)

Information Evening for Parents: Drug Awareness

All parents are welcome to attend this event, which will take place on **Tuesday 30th March** at 7.00 pm. It should last for about one hour. It will be held in the Drama Studio at Doddington Road: park at the far end of Doddington Car Park, and use the entrance by the Art Department.

The dangers of drug use are well-known, but not everyone is sure of the signs to watch out for, or what to do if they are concerned. Hopefully, this evening, provided by an expert from the Local Authority, will be of help and interest.

Forthcoming Training Day

Thursday 1st April will be a training day for staff, and the school will be closed to students. If your son/daughter tells you this on the morning itself, please be assured that they are telling the truth.

Wednesday 31st March is therefore the last day of the current term for students. The first day of the Summer Term will be **Monday 19th April**. (This will be an A-week of the school timetable.)

Dropping students off by car

To finish with, may I respectfully request parents who drop students off by car (and/or pick them up) to avoid the following locations:

- The immediate vicinity of the Broadway pupil entrance. (There are obvious issues in terms of pupil safety (and traffic flow), especially while the road works are in place.)
- The staff car parks at both sites. (These are out-of-bounds for students at all times.)

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely

W. A. THALLON
Headteacher



Reply slip to enquire about DSF funding – please return to Mrs Hunt at Doddington Road

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

Details of activity:

Approximate Funding needed (if known):

Signature of Parent: Daytime Contact No: