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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a great holiday and are all feeling rested and ready for the excitement of 2019.

I am thrilled to be joining Charles Read Academy and DRET, and look forward to working with you all. My educational philosophy is aligned with that of the school and the David Ross Trust as I aim to give opportunities for all to be the best they can be and this is my motivation to work with young people. Through my mantra of 'Choice not Chance' I want students to understand that they can create positive opportunities for themselves and this is the attitude by which I encourage them to live their lives.

My background is in Expressive Arts having taught Music, Music Technology and also Drama and Performing Arts to students from Primary up to KS5. I champion the importance of 'academic' subjects alongside sport, the arts, extra-curricular and enrichment activities as I see them all as necessary and fundamental composite parts of a well-rounded education which help students to develop cultural and social aspects of their personalities.

I am very grateful to Heather Scott, the Interim Principal who worked hard with staff and students to ensure the school community made a good start to the academic year and am pleased to hear about the positive achievements of our students and the progress that has been made.

We do have high expectations of behaviour and would ask that you re-affirm our academy expectations with your child to ensure that we are united in our approach. I have included an additional sheet with this letter sharing some reminders regarding uniform, equipment and behaviour.

As a staff this term we will continue to focus on personalising the students' learning, stretching and challenging them at all levels and encouraging all students and staff alike to work within our values of Confidence, Resilience, Ambition, Courage, Respect and Aspiration.

We look forward to welcoming you at the academy for one of the forthcoming school events and would like to thank you in advance for your support; together we can make a difference.

Forthcoming events:

Year 10 Parents' Evening Thursday 17 January 2019

Year 9 Study Skills Evening Thursday 31 January 2019

Year 8 Parents' Evening Thursday 14 February 2019

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. Jones
Principal

Reminders:

Ready to Learn

Please encourage the students to make sure that they are ready to learn. Not having the correct equipment was the biggest reason that students received a pastoral detention last term. Organisation is such an important life-skill and it is imperative that we have your support in checking with your child that they have everything they need for their school day. Not having a pen/pencil makes them feel different to others and sends the message that they are not ready to learn which is not conducive to a good start to lessons and making progress. If you are in receipt of free school meals and require support financially for equipment or uniform please speak to the Pastoral team. The school office offer stationary to all students at a reduced price, please see list below:

Pencil – 10p

Pen (Black, Blue, Green, Red, Purple) – 20p

Rubber – 10p

Sharpener – 20p

Ruler – 40p

Uniform

False nails/painted or gel nails are not acceptable, neither is heavy make-up. If your child comes to school with make-up that is not considered natural/light, they will be required to remove it. If they refuse, they will be kept in isolation for the day. Facial piercings are not permitted. Putting 'spacers' in or plasters over piercing is not acceptable. Refusal to adhere the uniform policy will result in sanctions as per the school policy.

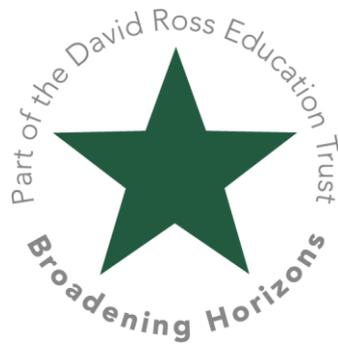
Detentions

In October, we introduced Senior Leadership Team (SLT) detentions after school on a Friday. These run from 3:15-4pm. Please be reminded that should your child fail to attend a detention twice, they will have an after school detention and the onus will be on you to collect your child at 4pm.

Year 10 Parents

The Year 10 Parent's Evening is Thursday 17th January next week. It will run from 4pm to 7pm and provide you with the opportunity to speak to your child's individual subject teachers about their progress as well as give you a chance to ask any questions you wish regarding how you can support them at home moving forward on their GCSE journey. Please do join us and take this opportunity to invest in your child's education. These evenings are an essential part of tracking your child's progress as well as having face-to-face conversations about their holistic experience at CRA.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to achieve the best outcomes for the young people of Charles Read Academy.



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