



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I'd like to give you a few updates.

New Term

We finish school at 3:15 on **April 8th**, and students return to school on **Tuesday April 26th**. The school day starts at 8:25am, and it will be Week B on the timetable.

PE kits

From the start of next term, we will be returning to our pre-COVID expectation that students wear school uniform every day, and bring their PE kits to change into on days when they have PE.

Uniform reminders

Skirts and trousers should be of be a tailored fabric (stretchy "lycra" skirts or leggings aren't suitable) and, if a skirt is worn it must be within 5cm of the knee. Hair that is longer than shoulder-length should be tied back. Fake nails are not permitted, and students wearing these will be expected to remove them. Shoes or trainers (not boots) must be plain black.

Warm weather

It is important that students are prepared for whatever our weather throws at us - please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them. On particularly sunny days a hat or sunscreen might be advisable, but also a waterproof coat!

Staff changes

Mrs Pitkeathly will be retiring at Easter. Mr Matt Sandell will take up the post of Assistant Headteacher in charge of Student Welfare. Some students will have slight changes to their timetables due to this change, but these will be communicated to them in good time.

Stationery

Students need to be equipped for learning each day. At a minimum they need pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, and a green biro for improving their work. A glue stick would also be useful.

Accelerated Reader / ePraise / Show My Homework

Reminder that parents and carers have been issued with log in details for all of these sites, and I'd like to encourage you to use them to see how your child is getting on and talk to them about their achievements and work.





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Thank you once again for all of your support for the school.

Kind regards,

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