



Head Teacher Update 14 November 2023

This week we have a large number of young people in S4 out at work experience. This is a vital opportunity to gain a valuable insight into the world of work. We have a strong employability programme within s1-2 and SDS support a lot of our employability work in school via Caroline Steele who can also discuss options with parent / carers. If you have any employment / careers questions please contact your child's Guidance teacher in the first instance to arrange support.

Last week we held announced Uniform checks across all year levels. Most students were wearing the right uniform and I would like to thank them for their support of our uniform rules.

In most cases the issues were small – such as no tie but a trend is starting to appear in school, mostly with male students and that is wearing trackie bottoms or joggers. Neither are part of the uniform and should only be worn for PE. Letters will go home next week post the uniform check but I would also ask parents to check what their child is regularly wearing to school. School trousers should have pockets and a zip and not be obvious sports or leisurewear. We will be checking this issue further so thank you for your on-going support and we are always able to assist with the cost of uniform.

Finally, prelims are just around the corner and all senior phase students should be revising regularly and taking the exams seriously. One of the issues raised around some student's performance last year was the excessive hours they were working and we encourage young people to balance working hours with school work and their own leisure time to promote good mental health and maintain school progress.

That's all for this week and thank you for your continuing support of the work of the school.

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Craig Biddick

Head Teacher