26th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this update finds you safe and well, as school continues to be as busy as ever! On Thursday evening it was great to (virtually!) meet parents/carers of our Year 10 students and share with them some of the success our students have had to the start of their Key Stage 4 courses. This week has also seen our Year 11 students relentlessly preparing for the start of their Mock Exams on Monday and we wish them all good luck. I am certain that their hard work and dedication to their studies will be rewarded with some excellent outcomes.

As you will all know, our ethos is built around three core values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We expect all members of the Charlton community to exhibit these values, at all times. I am proud to say that the vast majority of our students demonstrate these values with purpose and pride, and there is a calm and hardworking atmosphere right across the school.

**Punctuality to Lessons**

As part of our drive to continually improve the standards of behaviour around school, we have reduced the cut-off point at which students are considered to be truanting a lesson. Students will be deemed as truanting if they arrive to any lesson more than 5 minutes after the scheduled start time (this includes students returning from any break or lunch slot).

If a student arrives to lesson more than 5 minutes late they will be placed in the Behaviour Recovery Room (BRR) for the following day.

We are extremely proud of the high expectations and standards at our school, and we know that only a small number of students fail to arrive to lesson on time. We value learning time at Charlton and therefore we want to maximise any lesson time by ensuring students move with purpose to arrive as quickly as possible to their next lesson.

We also want to ensure that corridors are cleared as quickly as possible to reduce the risk of any unacceptable behaviour occurring, as students are at their best when supervised by their teacher in class.

In addition, we want to reassure parents/carers that when there is a legitimate and reasonable reason for a student arriving late to lesson no student will be unfairly sanctioned.

**Uniform**

We expect all students to take pride in their uniform and appearance, including PE kit, and we would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding our high expectations of uniform. Most students have returned to school smartly dressed and remain so throughout the academy day.

Our uniform items are available from Bakers and Sons and uniform guidance can be found at the link here: <http://charlton.uk.com/parent-student-information/uniform>

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Evans

Vice Principal