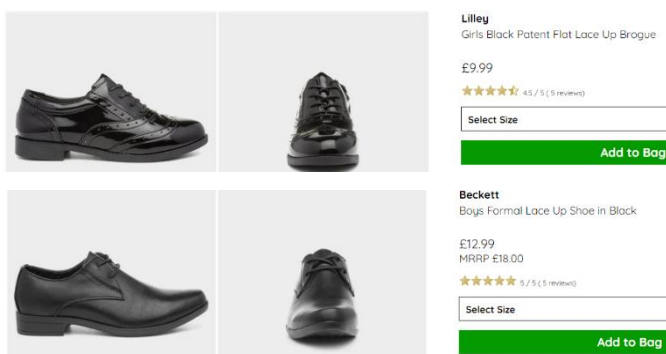


Dear parent/career,

The students have had a very positive return back to school after several months of lock-down and we wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about a couple of changes that are happening after the Easter holidays.

The first change is regarding the use of **mobile phones**. Over the course of lockdown we have all increased our use of mobile phones and we need to ensure that our school is a positive learning environment. Therefore, when the students come into school and line up in the morning they will put their mobile phones into a plastic wallet. This wallet will be collected by their teacher and it will then be kept by the Head of Year in a locked cupboard. The students will receive their phones at the end of the day when they line up to leave. If a student is found with their phone they will have it confiscated for 1 day, if this is repeated it will be confiscated for 1 week and you will be required to come in and collect it. This should ensure a calm, positive and focussed learning environment. Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Uniform is an important part of our students looking professional. We understand that we've had to make some adjustments to the uniform due to not being allowed to use our changing room facility. Under the new government guidance this has been changed and we can now use the changing rooms, so this means no students should be wearing PE kit to school (unless they are in year 8, then on a Tuesday they need to wear PE kit to school or a year 7 then on a Friday they need to wear PE kit to school). Please make sure your child attends school in the full normal uniform and brings their PE kit in a bag. When doing PE girls and boys can choose to wear shorts but these must be loose, sports shorts and nothing skin-tight. We understand that prior to Easter shops have not been open so it has been harder to get certain items of clothing, please make sure that your child is only wearing black school shoes to school. Shoe zone are very good value for money when it comes to school shoes (please see images).



Finally just a quick reminder of the **timings** of our school day, as we have some students who are turning up late to school and therefore loosing very valuable learning time. Parents will be called if their child is late to school, because if a student is more than an hour late they will not be getting an attendance mark for the morning and this will therefore have a significant impact on their overall attendance, which no one wants.

Year 10 + 11: 8.30am-8.40am arrival.

Year 7, 8 and 9: 8.40am-8.50am arrival.

Please make sure your child arrives at school between these times, so they can have a positive and calm start to the day.

Thanks for your ongoing support during this time,

Mr Raymond.