



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family are well.

We would like to thank your child and yourself for a positive and productive start to the school year. There were many developments during the first half term that have helped continue to move the school forward. Below are just a few of the positives and also some reminders of our expectations moving forward.

Open Evening – The school welcomed over 300 families for our open evening. Children and parents were able to sample some of the fantastic work our students produce and speak to our committed and enthusiastic staff.

Attendance – This is a whole school priority. With the support of parents our attendance is currently higher than it was at this stage last school year. We are still not at our target of 95% but it is moving in the right direction.

EPHS Principles – The introduction of these this school year has had a positive response from students, staff and many who attended open evening. We will continue to embed these principles over the school year.

1. *Being 'The Best We Can Be'*
2. *Being Truly Equitable*
3. *Built on Kindness*
4. *Changing our Communities for The Better*
5. *An Integral Part of The Consilium Trust*

Behaviours – The number of incidents has reduced compared to last school year. This highlights that students are more focused on their learning and not being disruptive.

Anti-bullying – During the first half term we saw a rise in student awareness and understanding of our new EPHS Anti-Bullying campaign. This awareness resulted in students being more aware of what bullying behaviours are and how to report them if presented. Which in turn is maintaining and building on our already positive learning environment and our key principles.

Extra-Curricular Activities – It has been extremely pleasing to see so many extra-curricular activities happening before and after school. PE clubs and fixtures, revision sessions, band & choir club and also many trips and visits that further enhance our student's cultural capital. We encourage all students to give the many activities a try over the next term.

Reminders

- **Uniform.**

All students are expected to be in the correct uniform each day. This includes the EPHS blazer, tie, white shirt, trousers/or appropriate length skirt. Students are also expected to be in the correct footwear (**Not Trainers**). Also, hoodies are not allowed in school.

Further information about our school uniform can be found on our school website.



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- **Punctuality**

Students are expectation to arrive to school in good time and be in their form room ready to learn by 8:45am. After 8:45am is classed as late. As of the **2nd November** we will be changing how the late detentions work. Previously if your child was late twice in a week, they would receive a one-hour detention on a Friday, **this is now changing to a 20-minute same day detention.**

Benefits of being on time?

1. *It gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind, so that you can make the most of your learning opportunities.*
2. *Form time is very important. Lots of information about the school day is given out first thing in a morning and you may miss key information if you are late.*
3. *It sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to keep a job if you're always coming in late;*
4. *It leads to better achievement because you attend for the entirety of each lesson.*
5. *It helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others and is a sign of good character;*
6. *It is respectful to your teacher and to your peers and builds good habits for later in life when your employer pays you to be on time.*

- **Face Coverings**

Students are expected to wear face coverings whilst moving around school and also in communal areas, when they are not eating. Please ensure you provide your child with a face covering each day.

We really look forward to continuing to work with you and your child over the remainder of the school year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Bird
Deputy Headteacher