



The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Behaviour and attendance update

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support since the start of the new term to ensure the students at Henry Cort are organised, equipped and dressed appropriately for the college day. The overwhelming majority of students have returned with a positive mindset, which has been fantastic to see.

As communicated last term, the College has made some changes to the uniform policy following feedback from both students and parents. We kindly ask that you check all students' uniform and equipment to ensure they are in accordance with our uniform policy. Please ensure the following:

- Blazer and/ or college jumper with the Henry Cort logo must be in college and worn every day.
- Long or short sleeved white shirt
- Black trousers, shorts or skirts - Formal tailored trousers or shorts or skirt sitting just above the knee or longer. We would specifically like you to note that leggings are not part of the college uniform.
- Socks that are black, white or dark grey.
- Plain black outdoor shoes with no visible logo
- Outdoor coat – plain, with no large logos; denim jackets and hoodies are not acceptable.

This year, tutors will continue to carry out daily uniform checks, supported by staff throughout the college day. If there is a genuine reason why a student cannot meet the uniform expectations, please inform us via Edulink as soon as possible. This will allow tutors to issue a uniform card that can be shown throughout the day.

We really hope that with your cooperation, these situations can be avoided but if no reason is provided:

- Day 1: The student will be asked to rectify the issue (e.g. hand in hoodies or sweatshirts until the end of the day).
- Day 2: A detention will be issued.
- Day 3: Continued non-compliance may result in isolation.

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This term students have been spoken to about the launch of our new rewards system. This has been developed in response to student comments. The new system aims to consistently celebrate and recognise students' achievements through the accumulation of positive achievement points, in line with the College's ASPIRE values. When students reach these standards, they will be issued with postcards and certificates, and you will receive communication via Edulink detailing the achievement.

Edulink is an important app for us to communicate with you fully. In response to parent/carer feedback and the survey, we have activated visible comments for behaviour points to give you specific details of the incident to help you understand the situation better. We would also like to remind all students and parents/carers that it is the responsibility of both students and parent/carers to check Edulink regularly for messages, positive points issued, emails containing important college communications, reports and scheduled detentions. This should be done before and after college to avoid confusion or missed detentions. If a student is unable to attend a scheduled detention for any reason, please contact the college as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Where a student is absent the detentions and isolations will be set for another date.

Finally, we would like to thank you for the continued support which resulted in an improvement in our college attendance last academic year. In fact, Henry Cort is now achieving above the national average attendance rate which is fantastic.

We would like to build on this combined effort between the college and home by asking you to support us by encouraging students not to ring you during the day to leave site or arranging for this to happen before school. Students should always go to the medical room in the first instance if they are feeling unwell, and we will contact you if we feel it is needed.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high expectations and a positive learning environment. We are really looking forward to another positive year.

Yours sincerely,



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