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Dear Parent / Guardian:

As we rapidly approach the end of the summer term, please find details below of some practical arrangements.

### End of Term Arrangements

The College will break up for the summer holidays on **Friday 20th July 2018** and, as usual, we will reward students with an early finish allowing them to leave at 12.30pm if they have met our expectations. Some students will be expected to stay on site until the normal finish time, and we will contact you directly if this applies to your child. We will also hold a non-uniform day for our students and they are able to donate £1 to our charity, the British Heart Foundation. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately as part of this privilege. Shorts and skirts may be worn but they must be an appropriate length. Ripped jeans must not be too revealing. Tops revealing midriff are not allowed. All other expectations remain the same regarding hair, jewellery and make-up. Food will be available between 11am and 11.20am as usual. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they will be able to collect a packed lunch at this time.

### Preparation for 2018-19

I would also like to take the opportunity now, in readiness for the start of the new academic year, to remind you of some of our expectations as well as outline a few refinements we have made. Over the past two weeks, the College has revisited the Mobile Phone Policy, and staff and students have worked hard to make sure that everyone is clear in relation to our high expectations with regards to the new changes. As a reminder and detailed in the letter that was sent on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, the following will apply from September:

- If a mobile phone is seen or heard by a member of staff, the member of staff will be required to confiscate it immediately and, at the earliest opportunity, take the phone to Student Services for secure storage (in a locked box). The phone will be kept securely until it can be taken to Reception.
- The mobile phone will only be returned to the student the following day on receipt of a letter or telephone call from parents/ carers.
- If there is a second confiscation within the same half-term, the phone will be kept in secure storage until parents come in to College to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- During this meeting, parents and the student will be reminded of the school policy and informed of the next stage should such conduct continue.
- In such cases of a repeated breach of the policy, the student will be required to hand in their mobile phone to Reception each morning and they can collect it at the end of each day.
- If a student, for any reason, refuses to hand over their mobile phone, the student will be placed in internal exclusion and parents will be contacted. Parents will be requested to bring their child into school the next day for a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. From then onwards, the mobile phone will be handed in to reception each morning and collected at the end of each day.



We do not apologise for these expectations and we look forward to continuing to receive your support in maintaining these expectations throughout the next academic year, as we work together to secure the very best outcomes that we can for your children.

### Uniform

Please take a moment to remind yourself of our uniform expectations – in particular the parts relating to extreme hair-cuts, jewellery, and shoes. These can be found on the College website. We expect all our students to wear the correct and full uniform at all times throughout the school day. It is important to us that our students understand the importance that first impressions make, and wearing our uniform correctly, and with pride, says much about our students.

### Planners and Equipment for Learning

Planners are a vital tool for learning at Kingsthorpe College. Not only are they used to record and manage homework, but they are also an instant communication tool between school and home. Teachers and tutors will use the planner to record students' successes, as well as letting you know where students have not met our expectations. It is therefore a non-negotiable that all students bring their planner to school, and students will be expected to show that they have this when they enter the College in the morning. The College provides all students with a planner at the start of the year and it is the student's responsibility to look after this. If a student loses their planner, they will be expected to purchase another one at a small cost. A student must replace their planner immediately so that they are able to gain entry to the College at the start of the day. Students will only be given a temporary planner for 24 hours.

Students are expected to have other essential tools for learning including pens, pencils, ruler and rubber and PE kit. These are also non-negotiable and there are consequences in place for students who fail to bring these to school.

### **First Day Back September 2018**

I have also attached specific details relating to the arrangements for the first day back on **Thursday 6th September 2018**. This will involve different year groups arriving on site at different times so please do read this carefully. We will ensure that students are informed of these arrangements prior to breaking up this term, but we would be grateful if you could also inform your son or daughter of the specified times that they are expected to be in College on the first day back.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your considerable support throughout this academic year. As much as we make certain that our students gain the qualifications that they need for the next stage of their life, we are equally focused on making certain that our students have the character that we know they also need to succeed. Hard work, determination, resilience, and creativity are qualities we value highly, alongside good manners, respect, and the ability to empathise with others. It is these uncompromising expectations which allow all our students to achieve beyond their potential and which will enable Kingsthorpe College to remain as an oversubscribed school within Northampton Town.

Whilst it has been a year characterised by much success - confirmed by our Section 8 OFSTED inspection in June 2018 which judged the College to remain 'Good' (a copy of the full report can be found on our website) - we are never complacent, and we know that there is still much to do. We are really excited about continuing to inspire all of our young people to achieve artistic, athletic, and academic excellence throughout the next academic year.

We always welcome and encourage feedback from all those who are connected to the College, and I would urge you to get in touch should you have any concerns or questions in relation to your child - we will do our very best to help.

Wishing you and your family both a happy and safe summer.



Mrs J Giovanelli  
Headteacher