



Thornhill Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

2nd September 2024

RE: Return to school

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.

Last academic year we achieved many things together, including our best ever exam results and a ‘Good’ Ofsted inspection judgement. This year, we will continue to build on these successes. Success starts with a culture of high standards, routines and expectations.

I ask all families to familiarise themselves with the expected uniform and equipment standards. Ensuring your child is prepared for school means they are ready to learn, and they do not cause distractions to themselves or others. I also wish to take the opportunity to remind you that the **school day now finishes at 15:10pm**. Further details of the timing of the school day can be found on our website.

Students should be on site at 8.30am for registration at 8.40am, our new school term starts on **Monday 9th September**.

We look forward to another successful year filled with learning, growth, and new experiences. This letter contains more information to help you prepare for this academic year. Your support is appreciated as always.

UNIFORM

MAIN ACADEMY UNIFORM	
	Guidance
Black Blazer embroidered (new school logo)	The blazer is a compulsory item. No replacement of the blazer with an alternative jacket, hoody or tracksuit top. No additions, including badges and other accessories, unless provided by the Academy such as team badges etc.
Formal white school shirt	Shirt must be tucked in at all times. Top button fastened. No polo shirts.
School maroon and silver striped tie	The tie must be worn at all times. Tie must be worn smartly with a neat knot and tie length to the top of the waistband.

Plain Black knitted V Neck Jumper	The jumper is a compulsory item. Plain or school embroidered jumpers are both permitted. No round neck jumpers or sweatshirts.
Formal Plain Black polishable school shoes – Leather type	Footwear must be 100% black with no logos. No trainers or trainer style No canvas material. No open toe shoes No boots or boot style
Dark coloured Waterproof Coat	No hoodies, tracksuit tops, sweatshirts, denim jackets, fashion jackets, gilets or body warmer style jackets. Not to be worn under the blazer. Not to be worn inside of the building.
Black Tights Or Black ankle socks	No patterned tights. Plain thick black tights (80 denier or above). No knee length socks.
Formal Black Trousers or Black Charleston skirt	Skirts must be a Black Charleston style skirt with a flat upper section and pleated lower section. No ‘rolling’ of skirts to reduce the length. No Short ‘tube’ type designs No denim, jeans or jean style trousers No leggings.
Black School Bag	Large enough to hold an A4 folder Pack bag or Tote bag style
Acceptable Jewellery A watch 1 pair of small, plain stud earrings worn in the ear lobes (no jewels in earrings)	Not Acceptable No other jewellery including necklace, bracelets, rings, or any additional piercings such as nose, tongue, eyebrow. Lip or any other facial piercings
Additional Requirements: No excessive make up No extreme haircuts including shaved patterns, accessories or non-natural hair colour. No false nails. Nails should be short in length. No nail varnish.	

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Year after year, students with the best attendance achieve the best results. For example, in the 2022 cohort, students with 95% attendance exceeded their target grades by almost half a grade in every subject, while those with 80% attendance made, on average, two and a half grades less progress in every subject.

We are passionate about providing students with the best possible life chances, and as such, know they have to ‘be here to get there.’



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Punctuality is equally important. All students are expected to be in school by 8:30am, with registration starting at 8:40am. Being late can significantly impact learning:

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over three days lost each year. Arriving 15 minutes late every day is equal to being absent for two weeks of the school year. Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days of the school year.

Registers close at 9:10am, and students arriving after this time, will be marked with a U code which means that whilst in school, they are not credited with their morning's attendance mark. This is a legal requirement and not a school-based system.

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to working closely with you this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Hamilton

Headteacher.

