



4th February 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach half-term, I thought I would write to you all to say what a great start to the year we have had. The Newsletter will be published next week, so I hope that you will take the time to read the many positive things that have happened, and that we have celebrated. I look forward to the weather turning warmer as Spring arrives, and in preparation for this, we have taken delivery of 30 additional picnic benches to make sure that students have somewhere to sit and enjoy their lunch. In addition to this, we have been opening the Humanities Block for Year 11s, as well as the Gym for all other students, to make sure that students have somewhere warm and dry. The heating has now been scheduled for repair during the Easter Break. In the meantime, we have ordered over 60 plug-in heaters to make sure that the classrooms are well heated. When the final heaters are delivered to Lab 1, Lab 2 and Room 18 early next week, then all classrooms will be warm enough for students to no longer need to wear their coats or hoodies in lessons. I have told them that from next week, I will expect to see them in full school uniform, looking as smart as ever! If they would like to wear an extra layer, then Birds of Dereham carry our plain black V necked sweaters:

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/shop/product/v-neck-jumper-7-12304/>

There are some more reasonable options though that are perfectly acceptable:

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/jumpers-sweatshirts/black-v-neck-school-jumper-2-pack/GEM704198,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C14>

<https://tuclothing.sainsburys.co.uk/p/Black-V-Neck-Jumpers-2-Pack-%283-16-years%29/129086183-Black?searchTerm=:newArrivals:type:Jumpers&searchProduct=>

<https://www.next.co.uk/style/st170493/191255#191255>

As ever, please do get in touch if you are struggling to purchase any item of our uniform, and we will help.

I am happy to say that we have been successful in recruiting into our Geography vacancy, and have interviews coming up to fill the vacancies in Technology and Science. We also have two vacancies currently advertised for LSAs (Learning support Assistants). If you know of anyone who might like a term-time job supporting our students, then please do share the link to the application:

<https://academytransformationtrust-co.careers.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1209842?lang=en-GB>

We wish you all an enjoyable Half Term. Please note that next Friday is a Staff Training day, and is closed to students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 21st February.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Hogg'.

Lesley Hogg.

Principal.