

PARKHALL INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to introduce myself as the newly appointed Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Attitudes at Parkhall Integrated College. Many of you may already know me from my previous role as Head of Technology and Design, where I have had the pleasure of working for the past 24 years.

During my time at Parkhall, I have witnessed firsthand the potential of our students and the supportive community we have built together. As Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Attitudes, my primary focus will be to foster an inclusive and respectful school culture that aligns with our vision and values. I believe that every student deserves to learn in a safe and supportive environment, and I am committed to working collaboratively with staff, students, and families to ensure that we uphold the highest of standards of behaviour and attitudes throughout our school.

With the Easter holidays almost upon us, it provides a timely opportunity to communicate with you all at the end of what has been a busy term. I would like to remind everyone of our Behaviour for Learning principles at Parkhall Integrated College - **Ready, Respectful and Safe**

Our Code of Conduct summarises the behaviour expected by the college from the students. This is supported by a rewards system and consequences interventions.

Ready	Respectful	Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Uniform• Full equipment• Listening• Be on time• Participate and learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to others and expect to be listened to• Appropriate language and tone• Look after the building, displays and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be in the right place at the right time• No physical contact• Stay safe online in and out of school• Report any problems to an adult

We would like to remind parents/guardians and students about some of the key policies.

Uniform Policy

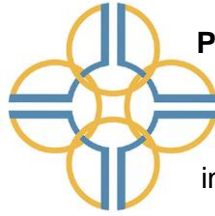
It is our expectation that all students should present as smart in their uniforms.

- Blazers must be worn.
- The shirt/blouse must be tucked in at all times.

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- The tie must be tied correctly with the knot adjacent to the top button and the bottom of the tie level with the waistband.
- Skirts must be of the correct length.
- Grey knee-socks or plain black tights
- Mid-grey trousers
- Dark socks (no white socks)
- Plain black flat shoes Trainer-type shoes are **not** acceptable.
- One pair of studs worn in the lower ear lobe only and a wristwatch may be worn. No other visible jewellery or piercings are acceptable. (any student wearing unacceptable piercings, will be asked to remove them immediately)
- Make-up is not appropriate in the college. A light foundation or concealer is permitted in exceptional circumstances. Coloured nail varnish and false/acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Students are not permitted to wear hoodies, jeans, or leggings.
- Students are free to wear a coat when travelling to college, but coats should not be worn inside the college.

A note is required on any occasion when a student is unable to wear the complete uniform, as students may be isolated when not doing so. Please find further details about uniform and our expectations on our college website, <https://parkhallintegratedcollege.org/assets/documents/Handbook.pdf> . Please do consider the above in preparation for the return to school.

Equipment

Students will be provided with textbooks and classwork/exercise books by their subject teacher and, in some cases, folders. Below is a list of general items which students should have with them every day.

- Black or blue pens (at least two)
- Pencils (at least two)
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils
- Scientific calculator

Please be advised that, for public examination purposes, any equipment being taken into an examination room must be in a clear pencil case.

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Mobile Phones

Mobile phones, earphones, headphones, smart watches, and other similar electronic devices with Internet connectivity, must not be used, seen or heard during college hours. This step in limiting the use of mobile phones has fostered greater positive social interaction amongst students, in particular at break and lunchtimes, and we believe has a positive impact on the wellbeing of students, as well as benefitting them academically.

If you need to contact your child during the college day, please telephone the office, who will be able to pass any urgent messages on to your child. If students need to contact their parents/guardians during the college day, they should go to their head of year or the office to use the college phone.

There has been an increase in the use of earphones in school, particularly AirPods. If these are used in school, these will be treated the same as a mobile device and the same sanctions will apply.

Behaviour and conduct

We encourage all students to make a positive contribution to the Parkhall Integrated College community in all they do. Students are consistently reminded of the college's rules and expectations in assemblies. A record of each student's conduct and general behaviour is kept, and all breaches of the college's rules will be recorded. A copy of the behaviour for learning policy is available on our website.

I trust that this two-week break will allow for these issues to be resolved. I thank you for your support in these areas.

I am eager to engage with you and your children as we work together to reinforce our expectations and support our pupils in their personal and academic development. Please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mr N. Beckett

Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Attitudes

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