



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy TUDOR TIMES



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Farewell to Mr Wilkinson

This Christmas, we say farewell to our Principal Mr Wilkinson.

As many of you may know, Mr Wilkinson joined The Samworth Enterprise Academy in 2009 as a Phase Leader. In 2016 the academy became Tudor Grange Samworth Academy where Mr Wilkinson became College Leader for Warwick and later Cambridge. PE teaching was always an important role that continued throughout his career and he would always find opportunity for our students to compete and aspire to be the sports people of the future. Many of our students have gone on to bright careers due to this. Mr Wilkinson has been a key leader in our academy journey, showing grit and resilience in the face of adversity and support for our staff and students to become the academy we are today.

In 2018 Mr Wilkinson became Principal of Tudor Grange Samworth Academy. Nobody could doubt his dedication to the staff, students and community that had been greatly received over his years under our roof. He would often use the mantra of "if it isn't good enough for my children it isn't good enough for our academy."

The dedication to our academy community throughout changes to leadership and sponsorship has enabled our school to improve over the years. Mr Wilkinson should be proud of his achievements, along with his team of supportive staff and our amazing students. I know that you would like to join our whole academy in wishing Mr Wilkinson the best of luck in his future endeavours. We will all miss you.



And Hello to...

Mrs Roach has worked for Tudor Grange Academies Trust since 2009; she was part of the leadership team that took Tudor Grange Academy Worcester out of special measures to become a 'Good' school and then became the Principal at TGAW in 2014. She is passionate about school improvement and making a difference to the lives of children. Mrs Roach is a specialist drama teacher and has also taught maths and health and social care. In 2019 she became an Executive Principal and has been supporting SLT at TGSA. 'This is a fantastic school with amazing staff who are dedicated to making this school a school of choice, I am lucky to be supported by such a strong team and look forward to 2021!'



Sun after rain

So gloomy today. The rain drops race each other on my window. Which one will win? I hope it's the small one because she can beat everyone and when she wins everyone will look up to her and realise what they missed out on.

Stop. Rain. Stopped.

The sun had just come out of nowhere.
The sun shines on everything and makes everyone's mood better. Oh I just love sun. Isn't it the best?

Now next up, is golden hour... my favourite time of day.

- *Surayya Akhtar, Year 7*

Christmas

A cold winter night,
The streetlights shine so bright,
Christmas carols being sung,
A church bell being rung.

I shall see tomorrow what I receive,
For, therefore, it is Christmas Eve!

The snow is sprinkling,
The stars are twinkling,
I can smell the gingerbread cookies from the bakery,
They smell so yummy.

I place the gifts under the tree,
For all hopes that Santa will visit me.

All through Christmas,
Everyone plays their part,
We feel the Christmas spirit,
Through everyone's good heart.

- *Maizy-Rae Alton, Year 8*



Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers



Key Dates

Thursday 17th December

- Last day/End of term

Friday 18th December

- School closed (INSET day)

Monday 4th January

- School closed (INSET day)

Tuesday 5th January

- Students return

Tuesday 12th January

- Year 11 parents' evening

Monday 25th January

- Year 8/9 HPV and year 8 MMR vaccinations

Monday 1st February

- School closed (Trust INSET day)

Friday 12th February

- Last day/End of half term

Show My Homework

We use an online system called Show My Homework which can be accessed by both students and parents/carers, either via the website (www.showmyhomework.co.uk) or the app.

Logging on to SMH is simply the same as the school log in:

Username/Email: Your School Email

Password: Your School Password

If you have any issues with getting on to SMH, please don't hesitate to come and see Mr Morton.



A Letter from Mr Bannon



I am delighted to be returning to TGSA full time in January as the Associate Principal and leading on behaviour and standards.

I am therefore writing to you to clarify the school's expectations on school uniform. We have a very smart uniform that pupils take great pride in wearing. Our uniform standards this term have been excellent which is largely down to the positive working relationships with parents which are essential to support the learning of pupils at our school. As a result of pupils wearing their uniform appropriately and adhering to the rules, we avoid unwanted conflicts and confrontations during the school day.

We are asking parents/carers to help us maintain the high standards of uniform next term and ensure that when buying new items of uniform over the Christmas holidays, they comply with our standards. The uniform expectations are illustrated below.

1. School shoes

Shoes should be plain black leather and able to polish with a maximum heel height of 5cm and maximum sole thickness of 2cm (heel is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel).



Coloured logos, e.g. Kickers, are not allowed. Boots, boot-style shoes, stiletto heels, sling-back shoes, canvas shoes, suede shoes, trainers and skater style shoes are not allowed. Students wearing shoes that violate the uniform code, will be asked to change into school issue shoes.

We expect all students in the correct footwear when they return on **Tuesday 5th January**.

2. Grey slip and dark grey/black tights

We are aware that during these times classrooms can be much colder than normal as we try to ensure there is good ventilation throughout the school. In these instances, pupils are not permitted to wear additional non-uniform items. Instead we will make the grey slip optional for all pupils. On occasions we have had to deal with black leggings as a replacement for tights. These are not part of the uniform and are not permitted. Girls must wear dark grey or black tights.



3. Coats and scarves

Coats and scarves should not be worn in school at any time. We will be asking pupils to enter the school in the morning and after break time in their full uniform. Coats and scarves should be removed and placed in school bags or carried appropriately. It is also important to point out that all students are expected to bring a school bag every day.

A Letter from Mr Bannon (*continued*)

4. Jewellery, earrings, make-up and hairstyles

- Pupils can wear a watch. No other items of jewellery are permitted.
- Pupils are not allowed to wear ear, nose, tongue or other piercings. If they have any visible piercings or retainers these must be removed before the school day.
- The use of a plaster to cover any of these items is also prohibited.
- Pupils may wear a small amount of discreet make up in natural colours, but the academy may ask you to remove any make up staff consider inappropriate.
- Nail varnish and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted.

- Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small.
- Extreme hairstyles, cuts and colours are not permitted on any occasion. Examples of extreme hairstyles include close shaved, decoratively shaved as well as, for boys, hair length below the collar. Two-tone colouring, extensive highlighting and overly decorative braiding are not allowed.



We expect all students to remove all inappropriate piercings, tongue or nose retainers, nail/eyelash extensions, nail varnish and correct hairstyles by **Tuesday 5th January**.

Pupils are expected to adhere to these expectations while in school and on the journey to and from school. If a student arrives at school with incorrect uniform their College Leader/member of SLT or the Associate Principal may:

- (a) Send the student home to change, having first contacted the parents
- (b) Provide a change of uniform
- (c) Issue a student with penalties
- (d) Set them a college detention
- (e) Send the student to the isolation room to work for the day.

The Associate Principal's decision on acceptable uniform is final.

5. Mobile phones

Mobile phones, and in particular the new generation of smartphones, such as the iPhone, now include many additional functions such as the integrated camera, video recording capability, instant messaging, mobile office applications and mobile access to the internet. These allow immediate access to email, searching for information on the internet and access to social networking sites e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

Bullying, intimidation and harassment are not new in society; however, intimidation, deliberately embarrassing and bullying using a mobile phone represents a new challenge for schools to manage. Examples of misuse include:

- The deliberate engineering of situations where people's reactions are filmed or photographed in order to humiliate, embarrass or intimidate by publishing to a wider audience such as on Facebook.
- Bullying by text, image and email messaging.

A Letter from Mr Bannon (*continued*)

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy is not obliged to deal with issues which arise from social media platforms. We encourage parents/carers to follow the guidance that we have provided on the school's website. For further information on how to keep your child safe see: <https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Our expectations of students when in school are mobile phones must be switched off and placed in the student's bag during the school day. This includes anywhere in school in the morning and in the afternoon.

Pupils who infringe the rules will face having their phone confiscated by a member of staff.

- On the first infringement of this policy, the mobile phone would be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the student services, where it would be securely stored. The pupil will receive a 'same-day' detention.
- On the second infringement, the mobile phone would be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the student services, where it would be securely stored. Parents/carers will be informed of the situation and a request will be made that the phone is collected by a parent or carer.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact the academy and make an appointment to see me. In the meantime, have a restful Christmas and let's hope 2021 is a good year!

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Bannon
Associate Principal



P.S. Remember your face mask!