



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

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A Message from our Heads of School Primary & Secondary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dear Lord, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school. We ask that you bless our pupils, parents and staff in your love and give them refreshment and peace during the holiday period. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen

As we come to the end of what has been a challenging school year, we would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school. As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. We are extremely grateful for your support and we look forward to continuing working in partnership with you in 2022-23.

Attendance

During the COVID pandemic it was necessary for pupils and families to isolate if they or a close contact tested positive. That is not now the case and it is essential that we build back up on our previous positive attendance rates. We are asking for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality next term.

As you are aware, the impact of poor attendance [below 93%] on your child's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted it is vital that we make every school minute count. We urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

Persistent cases where poor attendance and punctuality do not improve can be considered to be neglect. Government departments track school attendance figures. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence which will be closely monitored by school staff. Failing to improve

on this 90% can lead to prosecution, which school want to help families avoid. Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%. We will regularly share ideas to help you improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category. Please avoid taking any holidays during term times and keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (the school will provide this for you).

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Term Dates 2022-23

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Term Starts	Tuesday 30 th August 2022
Half Term	Monday 17 th October 2022 - Friday 21 st October 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 15 th December 2022
SPRING TERM 2023	
Term Starts	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Half Term	Monday 20 th February 2023 - Friday 24 th February 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31 st March 2023
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 th May 2023 - Friday 2 nd June 2023
Term Ends	Friday 14 th July 2023

Inset Days: Tues 23rd Aug, Wed 24th Aug, Fri 30th Sept, Mon 23rd Jan, Mon 17th April, Fri 30th June

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Uniform, Standards and Appearance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that pupils are always expected to attend school in the correct uniform. Jewellery is not acceptable, excessive make up, hairstyles or piercings are not permitted and we expect pupils to wear black 'polishable' shoes. Pupils must wear their school tie daily and be mindful that we must issue sanctions when they are not worn. We expect pupils to bring a bag large enough to fit their planner and PE kit. This year the pupils excelled themselves in taking pride in their appearance and we expect the same high standards for the new school year. We would like to thank parents for your support. You will find all of the information you need regarding Secondary uniform items, including appropriate footwear and

expectations on jewellery and piercings, at the back of this newsletter. For more information regarding Primary uniform, [please click here to view our online Primary Uniform Guide.](#)

Personal details

Please keep us up to date with any changes to your address, contact details or family circumstances. Please also be in touch if there are new medical issues related to your child of which you would like the school to be aware. You will receive a 'start of year' letter in September with important key dates and events.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Collins

Head of School Primary

Mr A Bannon

Head of School Secondary

A Message from our Head of School Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been busier than ever as we have tried to fit in so many events on top of our normal provision. I would like to say a very big well done to all our pupils in Year 2 and Year 6, as well as all of the staff who work in those year groups, for working so hard and for completing their SATS. It has been the first time we have returned to these national assessments for 3 years.

Year 6 Leavers

We said 'goodbye and good luck' to our Year 6 pupils during our Year 6 Leavers Assembly, and I must say it was a very emotional time for both staff and parents. They have been such a delightful year group, and we are very proud of them and wish them all the best in Secondary.

Rewards

The end of term rewards was a huge success with many of our pupils being recognised for excellent attendance this year and many more being acknowledged for their ongoing effort and work rate. Pupils were awarded with a range of prizes which included water guns, bubbles and fidgets. Well done to everyone.

Year 2 End of Universal Free School Meals

The end of this term will see the end of free meals for children that are currently in Year 2. We will automatically make your child eligible for paid meals on their return after the summer break. If you feel you are entitled to free school meals, please apply online: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/>

Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

The Academy Day

There will be no changes to the Academy Day next year. We really need your support with this next year so that all children arrive punctual and prepared for the day ahead. School gates open at 8.20am and close promptly at 8.30am, pupils are dismissed at 3.00pm.

Start of Term 2022-23

The first day of the new academic year for all primary pupils will be Tuesday 30th August.

Have a wonderful summer break making memories with friends and family.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Collins

Head of School – Primary



A Message from our Head of School Secondary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Transition

We are delighted to welcome back almost all of our Year 6 children next year with many more joining them from our local Primary schools. We were delighted to meet them and their parents last week and we know that they are all excited to be starting with us in September.

Year 11 Leavers

We said 'goodbye' to our Year 11 pupils for the final time last week and I must say it was a very emotional time for both staff and pupils. They were such an inspirational year group and we are very proud of them. We await the summer results but I am confident that the hard work and high degree of support from the parents will really pay off. Here are a few photos from the Year 11 Leavers breakfast and Prom.



End of Term Arrangements

School will end early on the last day of term, which is Friday 8th July. Pupils will be free to go home at 12.45pm following afternoon registration. We will provide pupils with a grab bag before they leave.

Start of Term 2022-23

The first day of the new academic year for all secondary pupils will be Tuesday 30th August. Year 7 and Year 11 pupils will arrive at 8.25am and go to tutor. Year 8, 9 and 10 will arrive at 10.00am on the first day and go to tutor.

Awards Assembly

The end of term Award assembly was a huge success

today with many of our pupils being recognised for excellent attendance this year and many more being acknowledged for their ongoing effort and work rate. Pupils were awarded with a range of prizes which included Amazon vouchers, Amazon kindles and many chocolate prizes. Well done to everyone.

Staff Leaving

Mr Wraith leaves us at the end of the year. Mr Wraith will be missed by colleagues and parents but especially the pupils: he is a kind and generous person who is very passionate about this school. We have been very lucky to have a colleague of that calibre in the school for so many years. Ms Denton also leaves us this year. She was an excellent English teacher who will be missed by pupils and staff. We wish her well in her career.

The Academy Day

There will be no changes to the Academy Day next year. You will see from the timings below that tutor time starts at 8.30am which means all pupils should be in school for 8.25am. We really need your support with this next year so that all children arrive punctual and prepared for the day ahead.

8.30am – 8.50am	Tutor/Assemblies/PHSE
8.50am – 9.15am	Reading Lesson
9.15am – 10.15am	Period 1
10.15am – 11.15am	Period 2
11.15am – 11.35am	Break Time
11.35am – 12.30pm	Period 3
12.30pm – 1.35pm	Period 4
1.35pm – 2.15pm	Lunchtime
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Period 5
3.15pm	Dismissal

As always, my best wishes and thoughts are especially with families awaiting public exam results in the coming weeks. If there are any problems or concerns, I am available in person or via email throughout the holidays. Other senior colleagues will be ready to help as needed, too.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Bannon

Head of School – Secondary





Our young leaders practicing their speech for the Head Primary Pupils campaign.



The Year 6 leavers disco in full swing. The children enjoyed dancing, photo booth and party food.

Look at the huge potatoes our Nursery class have grown this year. They then roasted the potatoes so that they could taste them.



Our EYFS Open event was a great success! Our next open evening will be Wednesday 5th October 2022. Save the date!

KS2 went on a winning spree at the local athletics competition.



Key Stage 1 Trip to Robert Smyth



KS1 had a great time at Robert Smyth where they took part in many skilful activities against other primary schools.

- Mrs Pancholi



Year 5/6 Football Finals Day



Once we arrived at Seagrave, the Leicester training ground, the pupils were in awe of the pitches, the dome and the atmosphere of the event. We were lead out Premier League style to the 'Champions League theme' which made the pupils want to deliver on the occasion even more. Unfortunately the results didn't go our way, but the team played some great football, displaying the Tudor values throughout, and have continued to make our school and myself proud. The pupils also enjoyed a tour of the ground (even sneaking a peak at the first team training area) and received a match day programme and a medal. This was a fantastic opportunity that they will always treasure.

- Mr Roberts





Nursery

Look at how much our Nursery children enjoyed sports day!



Reception

Our Reception children embraced their first Sports Day which was organised and led by our talented Year 8 and 9 Sport Leaders. It was a wonderful morning.



Year 3 and 4

The children had an active afternoon enjoying sports day. Our children showed great perseverance and determination to keep going and try their best. We are proud of you all! Well done to 3 Oak for winning the sports cups.



Gardening Club



The gardening club entered an exciting competition organised by Leicester City council and partners to encourage pupils to grow a healthy, well rounded menu of food in a wheelbarrow. The menu was based around what we thought we could grow well and also in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Many after school sessions were spent on tending the plants, decorating the wheelbarrow (which was old, rusty and in need of some spray paint) and making labels. A lady from the council came to assess our growing space and gardening techniques, checking we were as environmentally friendly as possible. Then on Saturday 2nd July, the wheelbarrow was displayed at Abbey Pumping Station alongside others from schools around the city. The public were invited to vote on which wheelbarrow they thought should win and we are eagerly waiting to hear if we won. The wheelbarrow can be seen on the Primary playground in front of the church.

- The Gardening Club



UK Junior Maths Challenge



This year, for the first time ever, Tudor Grange Samworth Academy entered a team of students into the UK Junior Maths Challenge. The Challenge is a very prestigious competition which consists of three sections of questions which vary in content but all would challenge the very best mathematicians across the country and even the rest of the world. Even though the title is UK Maths Challenge, it is a global competition! Our team was made up of some of our strongest mathematicians in Year 7 and 8. We ran a lunchtime club in preparation which was well attended and then on the day we all sat in the computer suite and completed the questions at the same time as students from around the world.

Certificates were awarded according to the score students got and we managed to secure some bronze and silver certificates which is an outstanding effort.

Top Scorer in Year 7 – James Bradshaw (Best in school)

Top Scorer in Year 8 – Peace Omorogbe-Omorogieva

Many thanks to Mrs Cufflin for running the lunchtime club and delivering the competition and a huge congratulations to all the students involved – a great success for the school. I know that a number of them already cant wait to enter next year!

Have a go at this question from this year's challenge and let me know how you get on – perhaps see you next year as well!

- Mr Martino



The diagram shows five squares whose side-lengths, in cm, are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. What percentage of the area of the outer square is shaded?

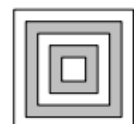
A 25%

B 30%

C 36%

D 40%

E 42%



Performing Arts Showcase



We were incredibly proud of everyone that took part in our summer showcase 'An Afternoon at the Musicals.' The staff and students involved worked exceptionally hard to bring this show together and it was wonderful to be able to have a full audience back with us, to witness the talents of our fantastic students. We are very excited for more of these events in the future, so watch this space!

- *Performing Arts Team*



Year 9 & 10 Medical Trip

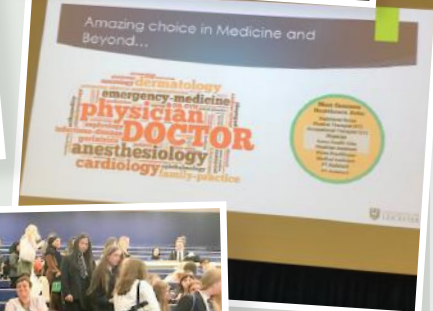


We were given an incredible opportunity to take some of our Year 9 and 10 students to the University of Leicester on Wednesday 15th June. This trip was for anyone who has a potential interest in a career in medicine or wants to be a doctor or something within this field.

During the event, students had the opportunity to find out more about what a career in medicine entails, the day-to-day life of a GP, take a tour of the University of Leicester and take part in interactive workshops with current doctors and medical students.

A well-received trip. Watch this space, I think we have many students who will be going on to do medicine in the future.

- *Miss Robinson*



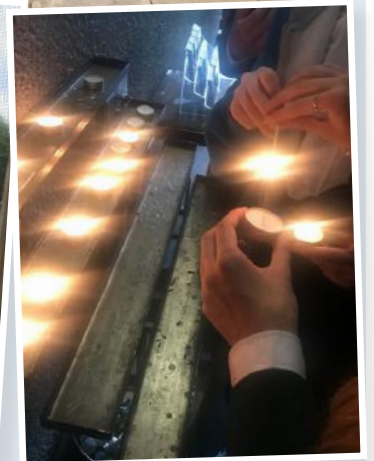
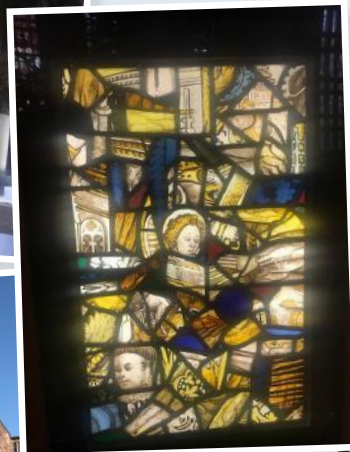
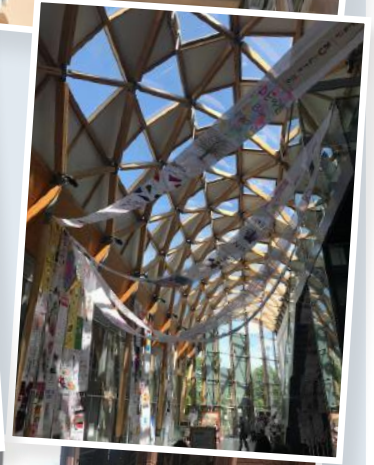
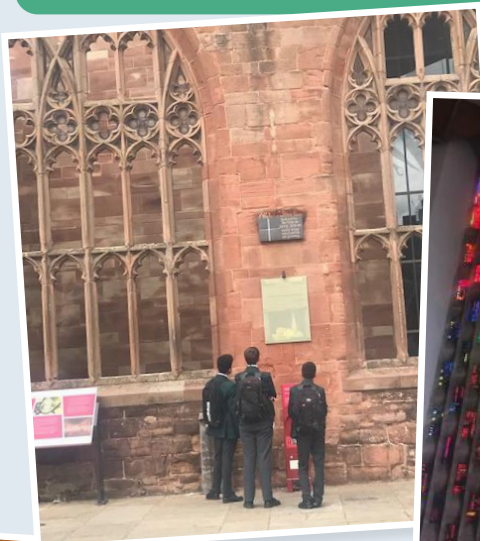
Year 10 Art & Design Trip to Coventry



Year 10 art students visited Coventry as part of their GCSE curriculum. They visited the Herbert Gallery and saw the amazing work by Daniel Lismore at his 'Be yourself' exhibition. They also visited the new and old cathedral and learnt about the history of this.

The day was inspiring and informative. The students had an excellent time, and we hope to use some of the inspiration in their future work.

- Miss Robinson



Year 10 Loughborough Trip



As part of the career's framework at TGSA, Year 10 have begun learning about the possible options that are available to them when they have completed their GCSE's. They have been introduced to different pathways in the last few weeks such as apprenticeships, T levels and different careers. The aim at this stage is to introduce them to all the possible routes, so that when they are in Year 11 they are well informed and can make suitable applications. Continuing these careers journey we had the opportunity for them to visit a university for the day in June.

The aim of the day was to give students an overview of Loughborough University and the key skills and knowledge they will need to make informed decisions about their post 16 choices. As part of the day, students had the opportunity to explore the campus, as well as take part in a subject specific masterclass at the end of the day.

The day was very successful, students gained a lot from this experience and students now have the ambition that Uni is for them.

- Miss Robinson



Well, what a successful year it has been! Over the course of the academic year, all our students have grown into inquisitive geographers from Year 7 through to Year 11.

Both Year 7 and 8 have been looking at how our world is connected alongside the opportunities and challenges our globalised world has created. Year 8 have now begun to study the effects of human interactions on our ocean environments, which has shocked and inspired some to make a change – this has been overwhelming to witness!

Year 9 have spent this half term studying the UK's coastal landscapes which they have found interesting and gained the ability to share their opinions with one another – this is what geography is about! In order to deepen understanding, both Year 9 and Year 10 visited Hunstanton (a coastal community in Norfolk) to study the benefits of coastal management; although the tide was against us, the trip provided all-round enjoyment and brought their learning to life!

Finally, it wouldn't be an end of year letter without recognising the hard work of our Year 11 students who have now completed their examinations and showed real determination for each geography exam. We wish you the best of luck in all that you do; you will be missed!

Have a great summer!

- Mr Miller & Mr Daybell



Year 10 Mock Interviews



On the 20th June we had 11 employers in school interviewing our Year 10's in preparation for their work experience week. The employers came from all different companies and interviewed our students with the hope to give them more confidence and allow them to see what an interview would be like whether this is for their work experience or college placement. The employers were very impressed. The students did TGSA very proud, and I know that each one of them walked out of the hall a bit taller!!

- Miss Robinson



Year 10 Work Experience



All of Year 10 were out at their work experience placement week commencing 27th June. Work experience is such an invaluable part of a student's life and can play a significant role in shaping a student's future decisions. The benefits of work experience include:

- First-hand experience of employment – an understanding of the routines and disciplines of professional practice
- Raised awareness of how their curriculum subjects, skills, interests and attitudes relate to the world of work
- A reference as evidence which will help in the future, as well as possible apprenticeship or part time work opportunities

We had students travel all over Leicester for their placements, and they were placed in a variety of settings from childcare, schools, pharmacies, solicitors, restaurants, and retail to name but a few.

The students were treated like members of staff for the week and gained a whole range of skills and knowledge. The students did TGSA proud and some of the comments from employers showcase this.

Some of the words employers used to describe our students were: efficient, helpful, a great asset, punctual, eager, growing in confidence, supportive, proactive, professional, impressive, reactive to name but a few.

We also had many students attend their placements here at TGSA. We had students working with Early Years, Y1, 4, 5 and 6, working as part of the PE team, and working in the ICT dept. Here are Vlad and Sherwin on their first day in the ICT dept looking incredibly smart and ready to work.

- Miss Robinson



Sports News – Y8/9 Rounders



On Tuesday 14th June and Tuesday 28th June the year 8/9 rounders team competed in their West Leicester tournaments. The students showed extreme determination and dedication in every game to be the very best they could. Despite being in different year groups the students worked coherently as a team which resulted in them finishing 2nd in the West Leicester Championships. This is a magnificent accomplishment for the students, well done girls!

- Miss Hancox



Games Design Museum Trip



We were given the chance for 30 students to visit the Games Design Museum in Sheffield; over 100 students initially signed up for this trip. With only 30 places available the students were given the opportunity to present to me, explaining why they would like to go, and what they would gain from the experience.

During the day the students rotated around on a carousel 3 x 45-minute activities:

- Meet a developer – We got the chance to meet a developer and had a Q&A session regarding pathways into the industry.
- Play the Museum – We spent 45 minutes playing/experiencing their interactive museum with over 80 playable machines available.
- Facilitator Lead Workshop – We learned how to create images that make up characters in animation; this will be relatable to games that they have seen in the museum.
- Also in the museum they had a careers installation which provided information to students about the various roles within the industry and progression pathways.

The 30 students who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day; it was an exciting trip for all and so many can now see a future within the gaming industry.

- Miss Robinson



Sports News – Y7 & Y9 Netball



On Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July our Year 7 and 9 netball teams travelled to Loughborough University to compete in the World School's Netball Cup. Whilst here the girls had the opportunity to play against international teams, including schools from Dubai and Switzerland, and learn about their culture. The atmosphere was lively, making it feel as though we were at the Olympics; our girls even made songs up to support one another. The girls played incredibly well, and the level of talent was high. Kyla Zomba, Summer Willimott, Libby-Jayne Warren and Jessica-Rose Herbert all scored fantastic goals, some of these were even against international schools! Both Nenah Bangura and Nicole Chipunza also won most valuable player of the match – a huge achievement – and enjoyed being interviewed about the match. This was an amazing experience for everyone involved. Thank you to staff and parents that attended and supported us over the two days and a huge well done to the girls on their achievements.

- Miss Hancox



WELL DONE!



Sports News – Secondary Athletics Competitions



On Thursday 19th May, 76 students attended the West Leicester Athletics Competition held at Saffron Lane. It was a fantastic day with many excellent results. The students have been working hard in lessons and after school to train for this competition, demonstrating the talent they have which was evident in the results.

The overall results were as follows:

- Year 7 girls finished 4th
- Year 7 boys finished 4th
- Year 8/9 girls finished 2nd
- Year 8/9 boys finished 5th
- Year 10 girls finished 3rd
- Year 10 boys finished 3rd

With these sensational results 16 students qualified for the County Athletics competition, which is a huge achievement.

- Miss Hancox

On Saturday 11th June, 16 students participated in the County Athletics Competition at Saffron Lane. Again, students demonstrated their talents and put on an incredible performance.

- Marcel Myszkowski finished 2nd in the intermediate javelin final throwing over 36 metres.
- Maka Mohamed finished 9th in the intermediate 800m final with a time of 3:21.
- Grace Kyeremeh finished 2nd in the intermediate shot putt final throwing 7.82 metres.
- Libby-Jayne Warren finished 7th in the junior shot putt final throwing 6.21 metres.
- Peter Summers finished 10th in the U13 800m final with a time of 2:54.
- Monet Daniels-Ming came 7th in the U13 javelin final throwing 9.07 metres.

This a fantastic achievement for the students and as a school we are proud of all students involved.

- Miss Hancox

151 Miles Cycle Challenge



The students of TGSA are supporting Mr Maskalick's 151-mile Hadrian's Wall Cycle Challenge by trying to match the full distance by cycling on the School's stationary bikes. Quite a lot of enthusiastic young cyclists are taking part as the picture demonstrates. Mr Maskalick will be attempting the 151 miles over 3 days from 12th August – 14th August 2022.

Mr Maskalick has obtained sponsorship from several sources and the final amount will be given to Eyres Monsell Club for Youth which is located near the School. This Youth Club is the students' safe space after school hours and during holidays. The students' support via their challenge to try to cycle 151 miles will have occurred from 1st July – 7th July 2022. We wish all the students great success and look forward to seeing their final mileage results. No matter how small or big the mileage is they are all winners for trying.

- Mr Maskalick

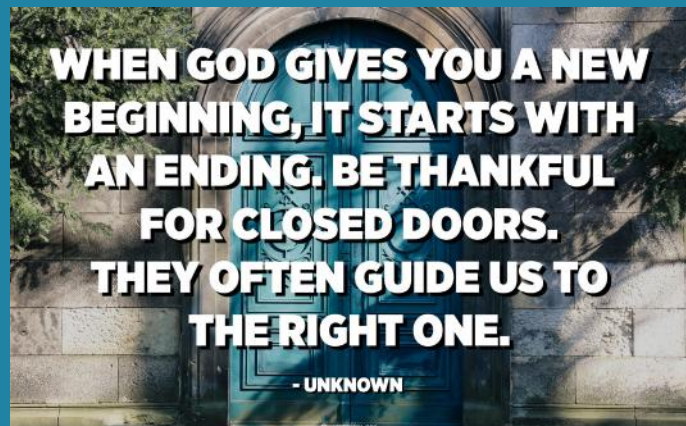


Summer Whole School Service: 8th July 2022



As we come to the end of a very busy term and academic year, we are looking forward to our Whole School Service on the final morning. We will join as a whole school community from Early Years to Year 10 and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students this year. We will have lots of music and performing arts including performances from our summer show and choir. The theme is 'New Beginnings: God Never Changes' and it will provide us with a message of hope, as we end one academic year and look to make the most of the next.

- Mrs Saunders



The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7





Secondary Sports Day



Y6 to Y7 Transition Days



Jubilee Celebrations



Pride Month





Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

ATTEND TODAY



ACHIEVE TOMORROW



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

**BE AT THE
CLASSROOM
ON TIME
AND READY
TO LEARN!**

Jewellery, Earrings, Make-Up and Hairstyles

- Pupils can wear a watch apart from a Smart 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 e.g. unnatural colours or shaved lines or patterns are not allowed; Boys hair should not be below the collar;
- Pupils who fail to follow these expectations will not access their curriculum until these standards are met.

Shoes

Shoes should be plain black leather (no logos) with a maximum heel height of 5cm and a maximum sole thickness of 2cm (the heel height is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel). Boots, boot-style shoes, stiletto heels, sling-back shoes, canvas shoes, suede shoes, trainers and skater style shoes are not permitted. Please see examples of correct and incorrect footwear below.



Acceptable Styles of Footwear



Unacceptable Styles of Footwear



Secondary Uniform Worn Correctly



Blazer

Should be worn around the academy and in classrooms.

Tie

Should be worn correctly.

Trousers

Should be charcoal grey. Tracksuit bottoms are not allowed.

Shoes

Should be plain black leather (no logos) 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). Boots are not allowed.

Non-Uniform Items

Hoodie tops, black leggings and other non-uniform items must not be worn while in school.

Shirts

Should be tucked in, with the top button fastened.

Skirts

Should be charcoal grey and no shorter than knee length.

Tights & Socks

Should be dark grey or black.

Please Note

Pupils are expected to adhere to these expectations while in school and on the journey to and from school. Where pupils fail to do so, items of inappropriate clothing will be confiscated, school shoes will be issued in place of trainers, and any pupil breaking the uniform expectations will incur a same-day detention or isolation. In extreme cases pupils will be withdrawn from the school community until the problem is resolved.