

# Information for parents of Year 7 pupils joining in September 2024



#### Our school motto is ....

#### Care, Respect, Inspire

- We expect all members of our community to care about others.
- Pupils respect other pupils and staff, and staff respect pupils and other staff.
- All members of our community work to inspire those they work with.

#### **Pastoral Team**



- Form Tutors
- Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)
- Mrs J Gauntlett & Mrs S Platt
- Head of Year Mrs K Morse
- SENDCo & Inclusion Manager Mrs E Price
- Assistant SENDCo Ms E Simpson
- Behaviour Manager Mrs J Holmes
- Progress Mentors



#### **Ethos and Expectations**

We aim to prepare our students for an active role in society as adults.

- We have clear rules, which are applied consistently, and fairly.
   We are clear in all our work that each are of us are accountable for our own actions.
- We have a robust and very clear behaviour and rewards system, which is explained to all students.
- Staff and students treat each other with respect and this is evident throughout the school and when students are outside school.



#### **Ethos and Expectations**

- Our school is a safe, caring environment where every pupil is valued, challenged and motivated to be the best they can be. Core values such as tolerance, care and respect are central to our view of how we inspire individuals to their own personal success, and develop the contribution each of us makes to our school and community.
- We are 'Proud to be Pensby'; from the way we dress, to the way we behave and treat others.



#### **Ethos and Expectations**

Today 11:33

Hi Laura. Amazing bunch, especially when I learned their age.

Incredibly polite children. A pleasure to chauffeur around.

Please tell your Headteacher that they are a credit to you and Pensby High School.

#### **Getting to School**

- Registration 8.40am
- Pupils in form rooms by 8.35am
- We place a strong emphasis on punctuality

#### School day – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

8.40 - 8.50am

Registration

8.50 -9.50am 9.50 -10.50am Period 1 Period 2

10.50 -11.10am

Break

11.10am -12.10pm

Period 3

12.10 - 12.55pm 12.55 <u>- 1.25pm</u> Lunch

Pastoral Time

1.25 - 2.25pm 2.25 - 3.25pm Period 4

Period 5

#### School day – Wed

8.40 - 8.50am

8.50 - 9.40am 9.40 -10.30am

10.30 -10.50am

10.50 -11.40am

11.40 - 12.15pm 12.15 — 12.40pm

12.40 - 1.30pm 1.30 - 2.20pm Registration

Period 1 Period 2

**Break** 

Period 3

Lunch Pastoral Time

Period 4 Period 5

90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week!

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
am	pm	am	pm		pm	am	pm	am	pm

- 1 school year at 90% attendance =
  - 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!







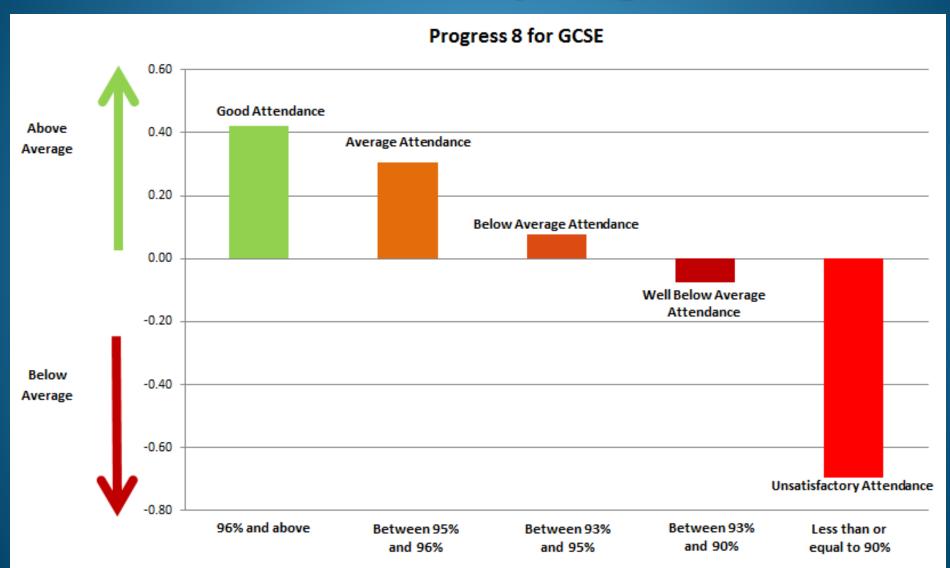
90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school...



= 1/2 a school year missed!

#### **Attendance**

- A 90% attendance rate means that you have missed the equivalent of <u>four whole weeks</u> of lessons in the school year
- If your attendance rate is at 90% throughout KS3 and KS4 (5 years) you have missed the equivalent of about one half of a school years
- Pupils who miss 17 days a year will drop at least ONE GCSE GRADE per subject
- 5 or more GCSE 9-4 grades can increase your wages by 41%
- If you improve your attendance by 1% you could see a 5-6% improvement in your attainment



#### **Attendance**

- Please ring school before 9am if your son/daughter is absent (Absence hotline – 342 0570)
- A truancy call will be sent if no notification is received
- Please send a letter into school explaining absence no later than 5 days after pupil's return

#### **Attendance**

- Medical appointments should be made, wherever possible, outside of the school day
- An appointment letter / card must be provided for medical appointments

#### Uniform



White Shirt – long or short sleeved, to be tucked into skirt/trousers with top button fastened

**Tie –** worn to the collar and long enough to reach the waistband

Black Blazer – with embroidered logo, to be worn at all times

Black V Neck Sweater (optional) – plain, no logos or names

Black smart business trousers (not skinny)

Black Knee Length Skirt - not fitted

Black Dress Shoes - no trainers, Converse, canvas shoes

Black socks/tights

No Hoodies or Hats allowed



#### **Uniform – Shoes!**

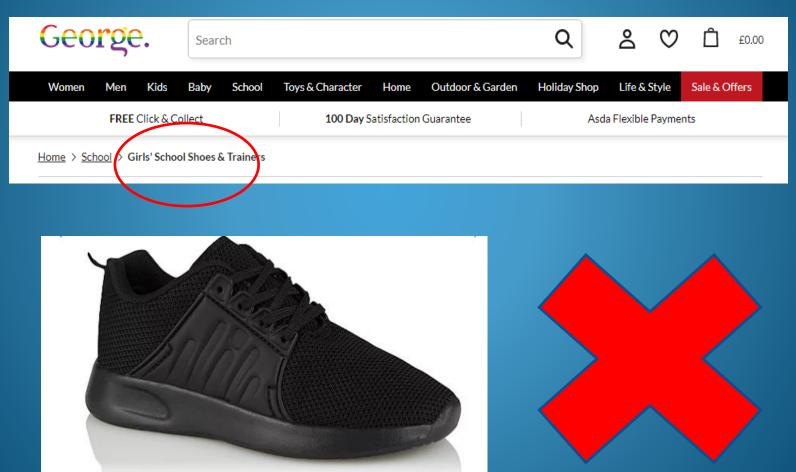
What shoe shops call 'school shoes' is not necessarily what Pensby calls school shoes!







#### **Uniform – Shoes!**



Uniform - Shoes



Black, 'leather-look' dress shoes



# Pensby High School Uniform – PE Kit



#### Compulsory

- Navy/Pale Blue Sports shirt
- Navy/Pale Blue shorts or Skorts
- Navy/Pale Blue socks.
- Training shoes No leisure boots or high fashion trainers will be allowed.
- Football boots not expensive type.
- Gum shield
- Shin Pads

#### Optional

- Navy blue tracksuit-bottoms
- Navy/Pale Blue sweatshirt
- Navy/Pale Blue waterproof top
- Sports bag



#### What to bring into school:

Bag
Pencil case – fully stocked!
Specialist equipment, eg calculator
[The maths department require a CASIO FX83 as a minimum - approximately £14, or £10 from school;

you will receive a letter about purchasing this calculator]

#### What not to bring:

Large amounts of money Expensive electronic equipment

A mobile phone may be brought into school but it must be "not seen & not heard", as per the school's policy, or it will be confiscated.

#### **Lunchtime choices:**

- Canteen or Packed lunch
- Cashless system
- Water only to drink in lessons

#### Rewards

#### Points system leading to:

- Daily & weekly recognition at form and year level; commendation certificates
- Termly and annual prizes
- Rewards & celebration events

# All pupils must have access to education

- Pupils are responsible for their own behaviour
- Their behaviour choices will bring consequences – positive or negative
- Detentions / sanctions are set at class teacher, departmental and SLT level

#### Homework

Homework may be set in a variety of forms, eg extended projects to develop subject-specific knowledge and skills and time management skills, online tasks, multiple choice quizzes etc.

Not all pupils' work is routinely marked by staff; often peer or self-assessment takes place or instant verbal feedback is given. This more rapid feedback informs pupils quickly about what they need to do to improve. Staff time is freed up to plan and prepare high quality lessons.

#### **Extra-curricular activities include:**

Chess Club Cookery competitions

Photography Club Spanish Duolingo

STEM Club Samba Band

Book Club Drama Club

DofE Art Club

Gardening Club Games Club

PE Clubs (eg basketball, netball, rugby, football, table tennis)

**Breakfast Club** 

#### **Induction Day**

- Arrive 8.30am
- Primary school uniform
- Bring pencil case
- Lunch packed lunch or bring approximately £4
- Collect pupils at 2.20pm