

Increased Expectations

You will know from the media that academic expectations are rising once again and here at Albion we are preparing to meet those expectations because our students have immense potential.

Increasing Achievement

The quality of teaching has improved considerably over the last twelve months and we can now show large numbers of students are making better than expected progress towards exam outcomes. However, there are still distractions for some and excuses for others. It is our responsibility as adults, parents and teachers, to make sure all these are minimized.

So, from February we are reiterating our zero tolerance policy on a range of things that some might find difficult but all can easily achieve

- Mobile phones are completely banned
- Make-up will be completely banned
- Uniform will be complete, including shoes, at all times

Students will be sent home if uniform is incorrect, or isolated if they cannot get into their home. Make – up will have to be removed with wipes or they will be sent home or isolated as above. Most significantly, any mobile phone that is seen in school, regardless of the reason, or whether or not it was used, will be kept until 3pm, or Friday afternoon, if not handed over straight away.

Why?

Uniform:

Uniform matters as it makes clear our commonality, so we belong to one community and can recognize and share in each others success. Wearing it well is a matter of respect and professionalism - something all Albion students understand.

Phones/Headphones:

Mobile phone use has been steadily increasing and is the source of far too many arguments, insults or distractions from learning - and Albion students are too intelligent to see their potential damaged by things we can easily avoid. It is our responsibility to maximize learning time and reduces excuses, banning mobile phones is simply part of this.

If for any reason you need your child to be contactable during the day, get in touch because we can make sure they are reachable at all times without needing a mobile phone.

Make Up:

Make up - when worn well - can be professional, but currently it is worn as if students are intending to go out to a party. It is perfectly professional not to wear it, so rather than create any confusion, we will stop allowing it at all. As ever, one pair of small stud earrings will still be permitted, in case there are those who have just had them pierced.

Routines for lessons:

Student are expected to bring a bag to school - not a handbag, a bag appropriate for carrying school work. They must also have:

- Their planner, and from Feb 27th, their lesson kit - pen/pencil/rubber/ruler
- PE kit on timetabled days
- If bringing a coat it must be hung up not carried round school, or in a bag when in the building

Learning

We are also coupling this with the absolute expectation that lesson time is used well at all times. Students not completing work or distracting others will be kept back at the end of the day.

Homework:

The website will show weekly homework tasks for all students in KS3, and these must be completed, or the student will need to complete them in detention. Detentions take place after school or on Saturdays if after school is not suitable.

If you have any queries or concerns about this information, please contact us in advance of February 1st. We can provide assistance if finances are tight to enable the purchase of uniform or shoes for example, and we are happy to explain the reasons behind all our rules and expectations.

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Why The Albion Way?

Albion students are consistently the best dressed, the best behaved and the most well mannered at any event we take them to. It's time to make sure this extends to every day in the academy and that it facilitates the highest standards of learning so all Albion students are the best qualified and the best prepared for any further study, interviews or jobs they then apply for.

Its time to raise the bar once again and be the best we can be.

Reward and Consequence

Merits/Codes

From February 27th, all students MUST carry their planner containing their timetable and space for recording conduct which will be used by staff to note positive actions (with merits) as well as any negative ones (codes). This will mean you can ask your child daily to see a quick overview of how things are going.

Codes:

Will be given for not complying with basic expectations - eg uniform, behaving well in lessons or on corridors. If any student receives more than 7 in a week they will be isolated for at least one day at the end of the week - meaning loss of break and dinnertimes as well as a possible 3.20pm finish on that day.

A build up of codes will result in meetings with you and the risk of exclusions.

Merits

Will be given for completing work to a very high standard, reaching a high level of learning or undertaking an extra task/helping someone else etc. They are not given just for general good behavior because this is an expectation of all students anyway - but they will contribute to small weekly prizes, lunch passes, books or rewards for form groups.

The Albion Way

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