



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have all been pleased with the excellent attitude, engagement and conduct of the students since they returned the school. We have made a great deal of progress and it is clear to see that the changes that we have made to our expectations of uniform and behaviour have had an immediate impact.

Walking around the school, lessons are calm and purposeful. Students have commented how they are now able to concentrate much more, without the low level distraction and noise in lessons. The reduction in low level disruption means that teachers are able to spend more time providing support and help to all students and this will lead to greater progress in the lessons.

There has been a noticeable difference in the pride that the students have in their uniform. Our students now look smart and ready to learn. The focus on uniform is important for several reasons: it creates community cohesion and reduces the potential for bullying. Most importantly it sets a tone for learning as school uniform contributes positively to a child's behaviour in school. Their uniform develops an affinity with learning.

It has been good to see students staying after school to use the facilities and taking part in the PE activities that have been organised this week. The PE department are working on offering more activities over the coming weeks, and they will be supported by other members of staff to provide a wider variety of activities.

We have had two external visitors in the school this week. During their time in the school they had the opportunity to see lessons and talk to several students. I am very pleased to say that they were extremely impressed with all the students that they met, they were a credit to the school. They commented that the behaviour in lessons and around the school was excellent and they observed students who were keen to work.

There has been a real change at the school and we are extremely pleased and encouraged by this great return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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