



TDMS

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Manners Matter

Dear Parent/Carer

We believe that manners are important. We want all members of the school community to treat each other with courtesy and respect; these are essential character traits that all of our students will need both within school but more importantly, as they develop into young adults.

It is always important that we explain to our students the reasons why we do the things that we do at the school. We have focussed on the importance of manners in several of our tutor sessions this year and it is a topic that we will be returning to over the coming weeks.

There are two particular areas that we will be concentrating on as these are the areas of manners that we take most seriously.

Within the school community, we want our students to be courteous to each other and members of staff. As part of this, the language and the way that we speak to each other is very important. Most importantly, we take the use of abusive language to members of staff very seriously. We will not accept it, if a student swears or uses abusive language towards a member of staff, we will always consider a sanction of a fixed term exclusion.

The same is true for members of our school community who resort to physical violence to resolve their differences. We want our students to understand that the best way to resolve differences is through discussing the issues in a calm manner. Resorting to physical violence to resolve differences will never be accepted in our school community and the sanctions for this type of behaviour will be serious.

I am sure that you will agree that manners are an important part of living in a civilised society. We all need to work together to support our young people with this.

Yours sincerely

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