

10 March 2022

Standards Gate

Dear parent / carer

At TDA, we have an expectation that all of our young people attend school ready to learn. This means that uniform is perfect, and that they have all the equipment they need, ready to learn effectively within the classroom.

This is why, from Monday 14th March, we are introducing Standards Gate.

Standards Gate will contain everything our young people need to be ready to learn. If students are missing any equipment, or any aspect of their uniform is not correct, they will need to go to Standards Gate in the morning to correct this before they enter the academy. This means everyone entering the building is ready to learn.

Standards Gate is not a sanction – it is simply there to support our young people with having what they need for the day, looking smart and 'Ready to Learn'. 'Standards Gate' will run from 08:25am, situated to the right of the main entrance, so students can get there early to get what they need.

The uniform expectations are in line with the consultation undertaken with parents and carers at the start of the academic year and our staff will continue to maintain these high expectations of all our young people. This includes not wearing any jewellery on site, aside from a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Students are aware that if jewellery other than this is worn on site, it will be confiscated. Please support us, and them, in ensuring that students are coming to school meeting all the expectations as outlined in our uniform policy, which is available in the 'Parent' tab of our website.

Please note an update to our policy: Any items, including mobile phones, confiscated from students after the 21st March will be kept at reception and will need to be collected by a parent / carer.

Students will also enter through 'Standards Gate' if they are late, and for this, students will receive get a R30 late detention as a consequence for their lateness.

We thank you for your support as we continue on our journey from 'Good' to 'Great'.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Emily Rosaman
Vice Principal