

17th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are coming towards another excellent term and academic year at Lealands and I wish to thank you for your support and all the many messages of thanks received by our teachers and staff; they are much appreciated.

I hope that you enjoy reading the forthcoming Lealands News which will include a phenomenal amount of excellence exhibited by students throughout the school and the many opportunities to learn and develop that they have been involved in this term.

In these final few weeks of term, we have seen some very hot weather, albeit, as is normal in the UK, this has been quite changeable. As a result of this, we have allowed students to wear their school PE kit which has been well received and appreciated. In my previous communication I explained that this adaptation would be until further notice and will continue to the end of this term. From the return to school on the 3rd September all students must wear full school uniform, including their correct year group tie and a blazer. I will write to you again if this position changes due to any ongoing exceptionally hot conditions in the Autumn term. As is appropriate at this time of year, please be reminded of our policy regarding jewellery and hair styles. In particular, students sometimes get piercings during the holiday period, but by September these must be removed for school other than one small stud earring in each earlobe. Please ensure that if you are planning to support your child to have any other piercings that these will be healed and the piercing can be removed for school on the 3rd September.

For parents buying uniform items, please remember that shoes must be of leather type with no flashes/logos or colours (examples can be seen on our website of what is and is not acceptable for school). Please remember that shoe stores often sell trainer type shoes popular with students labelled as 'school shoes' but these will not be acceptable in school.

I am very grateful to our Friends of Lealands PTA who have been facilitating uniform swaps during this term which have been very well used. More of these will take place during the Autumn term. I know this is a great help to many families struggling with the cost of living and providing uniform. We have a large stock of second hand uniform items and so if this would be of benefit to you please do contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager or Head of Year.

Sadly, as part of the rising cost of living, the price of a school set meal (meal and dessert) will rise to £2.75 from September. This is an unavoidable increase, but still represents excellent value for money as we work hard with our caterers to keep prices as low as possible. The price of separate individual items will remain the same and we will be working with the caterers to get even better value for students and parents with these in the future.

I really hope you have a very enjoyable and relaxing Summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Burridge
Headteacher