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Monday, 15 April 2024

Re: Introduction from Head of Faculty for PE

Dear Parent/carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I am Ms Blakey and I am your new Head of PE at Shenley Academy.

I have a huge passion and desire to ensure that your child will be provided with the highest quality of Physical Education and Sport during their time with us. I strongly believe that PE can support the development of young people both physically and mentally and, in addition, provide vital lifelong values that will allow your child to have success and motivation moving beyond academy life and into further education or employment.

As an experienced teacher of over 15 years, I fully embrace the role that you, as parents and guardians, play to support your children in getting the best outcomes to secure a good future. I am therefore extremely grateful for your ongoing support so that I can ensure that the PE department lies at the heart of Shenley Academy for the future, and provide the highest standards for your child to receive the best Physical Education curriculum that we can provide.

This week students have been given a new timetable for the start of the summer term, which has caused some confusion for them and the equipment needed for their PE lessons. This should hopefully now be resolved as all students have been given their timetables.

Please would you remind your child of the standards for kit when they have their PE lessons through the week.

- **Only Shenley Academy PE kit to be worn in lessons** (this is to encourage hygiene and use of alternative clothing to participate in physical activity)
- **For health and safety, jewellery needs to be removed** (this is a compulsory guidance that we need to follow in order to ensure student safety)
- **For health and safety there should be no chewing** (this is a compulsory guidance that we need to follow in order to ensure student safety)
- **Mobile phones should not be in kit pockets and should be stored in their bag in the changing area which is secured throughout lesson time** (this is in line with the school policy that phones should not be used in lesson time, but also to ensure that valuable items are safe and will not be damaged)

When your child is feeling ill or has a minor injury then they should still bring their PE kit to school with them as PE staff will provide them with learning tasks that they can do other than a performer (coaches, referees, observers) meaning that the lesson is inclusive to all.



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I have provided, overleaf, the list of days when your child has PE for the teaching band that they are in, in order for them to remember which days they need kit. It is also there for you to have as information so that you are aware when they should be bringing kit into the academy.

PE lessons for your child will be on the following days:

Year 7 X band (A,B,C) – Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 7 Y Band (D,E,F) – Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 8 X Band (A,B,C) – Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 8 Y Band (D,E,F) – Thursdays and Fridays
Year 9 X Band (A,B,C) – Tuesdays, Thursdays (double lesson)
Year 9 Y Band (D,E,F) – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
Year 10 Groups (A,B,C) – Wednesday
Year 10 Groups (E,F,G) – Monday

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your time in reading this and your support to move PE forward. I look forward to working with you to ensure your child gets the best outcomes and hopefully seeing you in the future.

Kind regards,

Ms R Blakey
Head of Faculty for PE & Health and social care

