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## PARENTS' INFORMATION

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year at Chantry High School. I am very proud to report that our GCSE results were the best ever for a second year in a row. It is also very encouraging to note the progress made by last year's Year 10 students with the GCSEs they sat in the summer term. I am confident that we will continue to make very good progress this year. However, such results require hard work and close working in partnership with parents.

Over the summer we have been working very hard to improve the school environment and particularly our catering arrangements.

I very much look forward to working closely with you this year.

### Catering arrangements

Cashless catering – as you should already know we have introduced cashless catering to speed up and streamline queuing, etc. Students who are entitled to free school meals will have their accounts automatically loaded and will not have to queue for tokens.

New catering facilities – the 'Food Hall' and 'Additions' will open this month and are offering a new and exciting menu which will be available during break and lunch times with a special service at breakfast.

We will not be giving permission for students to leave the school at lunchtimes, unless they have a pass obtainable from the school. Students seen using local shops will have their pass removed.

### Uniform

Our uniform regulations are very simple and easy to follow. Please ensure your son/daughter is in full school uniform as they leave for school in the morning. This includes the removal of any items which are not appropriate for school, such as excessive jewellery or make up. Please note that, as indicated in our school policy, students arriving for school not in the correct uniform will be sent home to change and/or work away from mainstream lessons.

### Mobile phones

Mobile phone usage is increasing rapidly. However, usage during lessons is very distracting. Mobile phones must be switched off in lessons, not just turned to silent. Any phones that are used during lessons will be confiscated and you may be asked to collect the phone at the end of the school day. I would encourage you to discuss this policy with your son/daughter.

### Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality is the key to academic achievement. We will continue to work very hard to ensure all students have good attendance and punctuality. Our new Attendance Officer, Mrs Bradbrook, will be contacting you if there are any concerns around your son's/daughter's attendance or punctuality, working closely with our House Managers and Education Welfare Officer.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher