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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy term at Dame Elizabeth with many exciting things happening at our school. We have seen trips to New York, Austria, Italy and Poland take place, with trips to Sweden, Peru, Wales and more planned for the summer term. We are also in the build up to year 11 and 13 terminal exams in May/June. We have an Easter school planned with letters posted home to students invited.

We have also made some positive appointments to our senior leadership team. Mr Bacciochi will be joining from Redhill School as Deputy Headteacher. He brings a wealth of experience in behaviour and personal development curriculum. Additionally, Mr Inglis has joined us as part of the senior leadership team. Mr Inglis has played a key part in a number of our schools across the Matrix trust. I am also pleased to announce that Miss Raine has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher and Miss Marsh promoted as Assistant Headteacher.

A huge thank you for all your help and support with embedding our equipment and uniform expectations. The vast majority of students behave impeccably and wear their uniform with pride. This includes to and from school and home. In order to keep our standards exceptionally high, after the Easter break we will address any non-compliance with uniform policy and equipment with a series of thorough checks during the first few days back. We fully expect that all our students will be dressed according to our uniform policy please see the following link

<https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/>

### **Uniform**

- There have been no changes to our uniform policy which consists of:
- Black Blazer with school badge (the new badge is now available to purchase if you wish)
- Black Trousers or skirt of a suitable length (not leggings or jeggings)
- White shirt to be tucked into waistband
- Tie with stripes in House colours
- Smart black shoes

### **Optional School Uniform**

- Black 'V' neck sweater, must be worn with blazer.
- Black, plain headscarves, wraps, bands or hair clips.

Can I please remind parents carers that the black v neck jumper is not allowed to be worn at the expense of a blazer.

Please note that bandanas, false nails and eyelashes are not permitted and pupils will be required to remove these before being able to continue with their school day.



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## Equipment

As a minimum, pupils should bring the following equipment to school every day:

- A suitably sized waterproof bag for transporting books, homework, equipment etc. (bags must be large enough to hold an A4 folder)
- Pens (including at least one black and one green pen)
- Pencil, ruler and eraser, in a pencil case
- Glue stick

## Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

The CCF is an internal cadet contingent that operates from within the school and is run by school staff. We provide students with opportunities that may not normally be available to them in the outside world.

These activities range from; Camping on the school grounds, Air Rifle Target Shooting in the gym to flying a Tutor T1 Aircraft with a trained pilot. We will provide your child with an RAF Uniform and we also provide your child with the equipment for their training programme so there is no day-to-day cost for attending.

The CCF is also an incredible opportunity for students to develop their own personal attributes such as leadership, communication and organisational skills which will benefit them as they transition to adulthood. If you would like more information regarding the opportunities available to your child, then email our School Staff Instructor Sub Lieutenant Handley on [rhandley@decschool.co.uk](mailto:rhandley@decschool.co.uk) and she will answer any questions or queries you may have.

## Weduc

If you are yet to download and use the new WEDUC communication app that was launched September 2023, you could be missing out on vital information from the school, please follow the simple steps outlined below. Instructions for Android/iPhone devices:

- 1. Step 1: Download the Matrix Academy Trust app onto your phone/tablet via your relevant App store.**
- 2. Step 2: Once downloaded, open the app and click the "Activate My Account" link at the bottom of the login screen.**
- 3. Step 3: Enter your unique enrolment code (which will be sent via email in due course) and follow the in-app step by step instructions to complete your registration.**

Please note, be sure to check your spam folder for your enrolment email, If you have any questions or need to receive the enrolment email again, please contact [enquiry@decschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@decschool.co.uk)

We thank you for your continued support with ensuring students at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury are prepared for their learning and we wish you a restful Easter break.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House, or email

Yours sincerely,



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