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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope you have read our recent Ofsted report and the letter from Peter Burrell (Chair of Governors). As you will have seen in Mr Burrell's letter, we know there are areas which 'Require improvement' and we continue to address these. However, we were pleased that the inspection report recognised the many strengths of Campion and confirmed that our priorities for further school improvement are correct, indeed our improvement plans are already addressing the key issues which Ofsted raised.

Mr Burrell also commented on the importance of the partnership between home and school which is integral to all that we do and there are a number of areas where your ongoing support would be appreciated:

1. **Equipment:** a significant number of students do not bring the correct equipment to school, indeed some students do not even have the right kit with them when attending their exams. Please could you ensure that in readiness for the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March, your son/daughter as a minimum has with them each day:
  - a. Black or blue pen
  - b. Pencil
  - c. Ruler
  - d. Rubber
  - e. Pencil sharpener
  - f. Scientific Calculator
  - g. Reading book (required for all lessons and tutor time)
  - h. Homework Diary. If their diary has been lost, a replacement must be bought from the Reprographics which will last until the end of the academic year.

Please could you also ensure that you child has a suitable school bag – there is only so much that a blazer pocket can take!

## 2. Homework:

Please monitor the amount of homework your child receives each week and also the time they spend on this. Should you have any concerns that our Homework Policy is not being followed in a particular subject, please contact the subject teacher in the first instance.

## 3. Attendance:

It is still the case that our attendance figures sit below the national average. As a result, attendance was scrutinised across the two days of the inspection and we were pleased that the improvements which have been made were recognised. However, as stated, the figures remain below the national average and holidays during school weeks do have a significant impact. I would therefore ask that you do not take your children out of school for holidays and that you always seek to make appointments such as dentists etc beyond the school day





wherever possible. If your child is absent from school, please telephone or email on the day to explain any absence.

#### 4. **Uniform:**

The vast majority of our students attend school every day and their uniform is excellent – thank you for your support with this. Should it be that for any reason an item of uniform is temporarily not available (eg broken shoe, lost tie etc), please provide a note for that day in your child's planner to explain. For ease, a reminder of our uniform expectations are attached.

#### 5. **Behaviour for learning:**

Ofsted recognised that behaviour of the majority of our students is Good. However, you will have seen that the behaviour of some students within some lessons can sometimes show a lack of focus or respect for the teacher and their classmates – this hinders learning. I have reminded students in assemblies not to be so selfish or rude that they 'spoil it for everyone else'. This will be followed-up with a series of assemblies which will focus on Respect, Rights and Responsibilities, and Relationships (how we treat each other). I would be grateful if you would reinforce to your son/daughter the importance of good behaviour and also polite manners at all times.

Attendance, equipment, good behaviour and adherence to a dress code are all basic expectations, not only at school but in the workplace too. Indeed, school is the training ground for employment and therefore we want to ensure that each student is fully prepared for the world of work, both in terms of their academic success and their personal skills and organisation too. Indeed, by working together we can help ensure your son/daughter is well prepared for the realities and expectations of life beyond school.

I would therefore ask for your ongoing support and say thank you for all that you will do to make sure each day your son/daughter is equipped for school and ready to learn.

Yours sincerely

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