

20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

First, I would like to praise our students for last week, whereby the vast majority managed the sweltering heat with the professionalism expected of them and had a positive week. However, the warmer weather has led to some issues that we feel it's important to communicate and restate our expectations on some matters. Below are several key messages for all our families to read and ensure any relevant action is taken to support their child being successful at INA.

- **We will monitor the weather forecast to ensure that we make adjustments to uniform expectations based on the temperature.** This will be done on a day-by-day basis; therefore, we expect students to bring their blazers in to school every day and wear their blazers around the school unless informed otherwise.
- Unfortunately, we have had a small number of students acting unprofessionally throwing water at each other during the hot days. **We do not tolerate conduct of this nature and have a zero tolerance to water being thrown or organised 'water fights' at the academy or in the community whilst wearing our uniform.** Students who break this rule will face sanctions, which may include suspensions from the academy. Parents/ carers will also be required to attend a meeting to discuss this breach of our academy rules. Please ensure that you speak to your child and remind them that they should not engage in this type of unprofessional conduct.
- **Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the academy banned items list.** Any banned items will be confiscated. Please note that banned items include any form of water guns, sharp objects such as scissors or box cutters, and items that are deemed to be drug and alcohol related, for example vapes. **Bringing banned items into school is an extremely serious breach of the academy behaviour policy.** Students may be suspended and may also risk their place at Ark Isaac Newton Academy if they bring these items into school.
- **Students should bring their water bottles into school every day.** Students should be bringing in an eco-friendly water bottle (not plastic) every day as part of their 'equipment'. **They should refill their water bottles before school, during their breaks or during their lunchtimes.**
- Despite approaching the end of the academic year, we nonetheless expect **all students to wear black shoes in line with the academy uniform policy.** The only exemption to this rule is for medical reasons. If your child has a medical exemption, please do speak to their Pastoral Leader and we will ensure that medical notes are issued as required.

Thank you for reading the information above and for your support in ensuring that all students engage in a professional manner at the academy.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Banton  
Vice Principal