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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well and I am sure you share our delight on the news that our swimming pool is now open for pupils to be used as part of their Curriculum. It was also pleasing to see the Express & Star ran a news story on this published on Wednesday this week

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/education/2024/02/28/swimming-pool-at-wolverhampton-school-gets-new-lease-of-life-thanks-to-160000-revamp/>

### **ClassCharts**

Parents/carers were requested to download the ClassCharts app where school will share key information about your child's behaviour in lessons, both positive and negative, throughout the school day. If you have not downloaded the app and linked your child's account yet, please follow the details on the email you should have received over February half term (please check your junk folder). If you have experienced any problems with this or did not receive the email, please contact your child's House Office who will be able to provide you with the code to access your child's account.

### **School Shop**

Being prepared with the correct equipment each day to be ready for learning is a key ingredient to success in school. We expect children to have a minimum of 2 black pens, a pencil, a rubber, a green pen, a ruler and their planner each day to be prepared for learning. In order to support this, we are opening a school shop from our Reprographics room from 08:20am in the morning where pupils will be able to purchase the basic equipment. Please see the price list for the school shop below. This will be a cashless system and payment will be taken from your child's account on the Matrix Trust app. Please top up your child's account if they wish to purchase items from the school shop.

Ruler 30cm – 20p

Pencil – 10p

Green Pen - 10p

Black Pen - 10p

Blue Pen - 10p

Eraser- 15p

Highlighter – 20p

House Tie - £5.00



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## Uniform

The vast majority of our children demonstrate extremely high standards of uniform. We will recap to parents/carers of the small minority of pupils who need reminders:

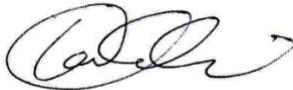
- Skirts must be appropriate length (approximately 5cm above the knee)
- No fake eyelashes to be worn
- Jewellery – only single stud in ear lobe. No rings on fingers
- Shoes must be plain black leather (guidance can be found at <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/uniform/>)

## Staff Training Half Day

A polite reminder that Wednesday 13 March will be a half day where school will close to pupils at 12:40pm in order to facilitate some important staff training. The school 751 bus has been arranged to collect pupils at this earlier time.

Thank you for your consistent support in driving the standards of education for our young people.

Yours faithfully



**Mr I Chamberlain**  
Headteacher

