



December 2016/BI/MH/CAJ

# Wright Robinson College

*'Excellence is our Aim'*

Dear Parents / Guardians

I write at the end of what has been a very pleasing and productive Autumn Term for the students and staff of Wright Robinson College. I am very proud of the standards of Uniform and commitment to working hard that the students have continued to demonstrate this term. This, I know, is because of the commitment you, as parents and carers, show to helping your children and what makes Wright Robinson College an Outstanding School.

As an Outstanding School, Wright Robinson College is now the most popular school in Manchester with parents. We have received more than 600 parental first choice preferences for our 360 places. This shows how popular our College is and how far we have come together working as Team Wright Robinson.

On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016, we were delighted to welcome Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, Sir Michael Wilshaw, to Wright Robinson College. Sir Michael was visiting the College to celebrate our Outstanding Judgement and to highlight in his Annual Report to Government "how Wright Robinson College was bucking the national trend in Northern England," by achieving this judgement.

As is always the case, I have highlighted below some important information which I trust you will find useful.

## **Christmas Holidays**

The College will close for the Christmas Holidays at **1.15pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**. School buses will be available to take students home. The College will re-open for students on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.25am**.

## **College Calendar – important dates**

19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Year 9 Parents' Evening	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Year 11 Parents' Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Year 8 Parents' Evening	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Year 7 Parents' Evening

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## **Our College – Our Community – Our Future**

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## **College Behaviour and Uniform Policy**

Throughout 2016/2017, the College will continue in its drive to maintain the highest standards of attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour. May I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that the uniform for female students is a black knee length skirt or tailored full length trousers (no skinny/tight trousers or jeans, track suit bottoms, culottes, ski pants, leggings or jeggings. Trainers and plimsolls/pumps for any students are not permitted items of footwear and that no jewellery should be worn on the College Campus at any time, there are no exceptions to this rule. Regarding hair styles for male and female students any hair colourings must be natural and 'long top/short side' or Mohican style haircuts are not permitted. By taking notice of the above students can avoid unnecessary absence which could ultimately lead to a Fixed Penalty Fine being issued.

## **Smart Watches are now included in the Behaviour and Uniform Policy**

Smart Watches enable students to access the internet, send and receive calls and text messages, listen to music, take photographs and record images etc. As the watch is worn around the wrist it is constantly accessible and therefore it would be impossible to police and restrict the usage of this technology. Furthermore, students could use the watch to access information relevant to exam questions. Governors have taken the decision to prohibit the wearing of smart watches in College at all times.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is very pleasing to see that attendance at the College is increasing and that we have made significant progress in this area. It is vital to the success of your child's education that regular attendance is maintained. It is just as important for students to arrive to College on time; all students must be on site by 8.25am. I would ask for your full support in this matter.

## **Attainment**

In our drive to achieve the best possible outcomes, students complete assessments regularly from Year 7 onwards. Year 10/11 students are currently sitting their mock exams. As we near the end of term I want to thank you for your support and to ask you to encourage your child to complete some school work over the holidays.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



N L Beischer  
Headteacher

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