



Temple Learning Academy
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10th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been doing lots of work on what we think is important for us to achieve at Temple Learning Academy (our Mission) and how we want to achieve it (our Values) so that we do the very best for your children and do it in the right way.

From the moment I arrived here at TLA, it was impossible not to notice the care and empathy that all staff have for your children. We all understand how incredibly important this is as children can only begin to learn and thrive educationally when they feel safe and comfortable. Once they are at that point, we recognise that it is our role to then ensure a gentle transition in focus from 'nurture' to 'academic' to ensure that your children, by the time that they leave TLA at the age of 16, are ready to compete with other children locally and nationally; we all realise that ultimately, school is a place of educational purpose.

We are working incredibly hard to create this nurturing yet professional environment that will support and inspire your children and that will open opportunities for them that will take them as far as they dare to dream. To that end, the Values which underpin everything that we do here are TLA are:

Courage: to act with bravery and determination, with the self-belief and confidence that we can succeed even in difficult situations.

Respect: to act with kindness towards everyone, no matter what our differences, and to recognise the value and worth of everyone in our community.

Opportunity: to embrace new experiences and to see all of the possibilities open to us, placing no limits on our aspirations or what we could achieve in the future.

We have made a huge number of changes over the last 6 months in order to further develop our school and make it the best it can be for our students. In the coming weeks you will notice a new website being launched to make information about the school easier to access. We are also building closer links to the local community, local business and other organisations across the city. As part of this, we have taken the opportunity to create a new logo – one as bright and exciting as the students in our school. We have stayed true to the 'colours' of TLA and balanced a professional and friendly design. The unusual shape of the logo representing the unique nature of our through school and the three corners as our three values.





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Further to all of this and in recognition of the very warm conditions in the school building through the summer months, we are going to introduce the option of students in Y6 to Y11 wearing a summer uniform. The 'summer uniform' is where the shirt and tie is replaced by a branded TLA polo shirt. I must stress that the summer uniform is completely optional and available to be worn for the final term of each school year going forwards (i.e. between Easter and the summer holidays). If your child would prefer to continue wearing the shirt and tie then that will be absolutely fine. The wearing of a school jumper will remain optional in the warm weather regardless of whether a shirt and tie or polo shirt is chosen.

The new polo shirts will have the new school logo and will be available from the usual place you would purchase your TLA-branded articles from (Jo Brand, now known as 'Uniwears- The School Uniform Shop') from mid-March. An image of the new logo is attached for you to see what it will look like in advance.

Looking further forward, any new branded uniform items (school jumper, PE kit) that you buy will have the new logo. These may be worn from September 2022 but it is not compulsory for you to update all items of uniform by that date. Having children of my own I know only too well how expensive uniform is so please do not feel pressured into replacing perfectly good uniform by September. The new logo-branded uniform will not be compulsory until September 2023 by which time I would imagine that most children will have grown out of, or worn through, the existing one. Until September 2023, we will therefore have students wearing both existing and new items; that is absolutely fine and indeed typical in schools where uniform changes have been made.

If you have any queries or questions with regards to this, please do contact the school for a response through the usual channel of info@tla.rklt.co.uk

With kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Huddleston'.

Stuart Huddleston
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