

July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

We wanted to take the opportunity to ensure that your child starts September with minimum disruption to their learning by sharing with you some uniform guidelines that are part of our behaviour for learning policy. School is aware that this issue can occasionally be an area of challenge for some students, so to avoid any conflict in regards to uniform in September, we ask for your support on the following issues so that our children look as impeccable as they so regularly do. The following is designed to help with consistency in maintaining high standards and we thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

## Piercings

School operates a 'no jewellery' policy. This includes clear piercings. If your child plans to have their ears pierced we advise this is done in the first week of the holidays. No jewellery of any kind is permitted.

## Shoes

We are aware how some sports shops advertise 'shoes' in their back to school section. In order to provide as much clarity as possible we have attached a poster on the back of this letter to assist you. The easiest way to remember this is that we do not allow 'sports brands'. **Black Nike Air force and Adidas black trainer shoes are not permitted.** We do allow Kickers as this is not a traditional sports brand. If you are in any doubt, please don't hesitate to email into school a picture of your intended purchase to your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year and we will support you with this before any purchase is made. Students who do not attend in appropriate footwear will be provided with a pair of school shoes, unless they have a medical exemption note from the doctor.

## Uniform

Students are expected to take pride in their appearance around school grounds at all times. The over whelming majority are always immaculate and we again thank you for reinforcing and supporting these standards. A lunch time detention is issued for the following,

- Top button undone
- Shirt untucked
- No blazer worn or worn inappropriately (Unless Headteacher allows in warm weather)
- Skirt rolled up
- No school bag
- No tie

Parents and students should be aware that we are moving to black ankle socks or tights for girls next academic year. Knee high socks will not be permitted. We have shared this message with the students regularly over the last few weeks in preparation for September. Students who choose not to attend at lunchtime will be added to the C3 detention list that evening.

The students have already been informed of the above and the overwhelming majority have taken this onboard and look absolutely fantastic. We regularly tell them this as staff and we hope you can share this message each morning when they leave home. Thank you as ever for your support on this matter and we hope you have a wonderful summer.