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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Easter break offers a fresh opportunity to remind you of some of the school's basic expectations – particularly around school uniform. Whilst the majority of our students have continued to be smart and continue to follow uniform expectations, during the pandemic, we have been very lenient and understanding with regard to uniform. We now need your support to help re-establish our high standards.

Uniform: In order to represent our whole community appropriately - it is important that our students wear our uniform with pride and look well presented at all times – Please see the attached link to the [school's uniform policy](#).

Students are expected to wear a white shirt, that is tucked into their trousers or skirt, with their school tie at all times. During the summer term, students can wear a plain, white polo shirt (without a tie) and this also needs to be tucked in. On PE days, students wear their PE kit – and must continue to comply with the school's PE kit expectations. This includes plain black jogging bottoms, shorts or sports leggings, and/or a black base layer (if desired). Polo shirts, mid layers and rugby shirts with the school logo are available to order through the school website. Hoodies are not acceptable and should not be worn into school. NB. After the Easter holiday any student wearing a hoodie will have the hoodie confiscated until the end of the school day.

Students who do not have the correct uniform will receive a signature in their organisers for each day they do not have the correct uniform – after every third signature they will receive a behaviour point. Please do contact students' form teachers should there be any concerns or issues obtaining the correct school uniform.

Shoes and Socks: Both socks and shoes need to be plain black with a smart appearance suitable for office wear. Converse, Nike Air Force Ones and other similar footwear labelled as 'shoes' are not acceptable. Sometimes, shops label up shoes as school shoes ... this does not mean they are necessary suitable.

Socks should ideally be plain black and no socks should have a sports logo on them. We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing inappropriate trainers and not obtaining the correct footwear.

After Easter students who are not wearing the appropriate school footwear will be provided with a pair of school shoes to borrow and wear for the day.



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Jewellery: The only jewellery that is permitted in school is: one pair of studs worn in the lower ear lobe only, a wristwatch and one small ring - no other jewellery or piercings are acceptable.

Make Up: Students are not permitted to wear any make up in school; this includes nail varnish. Where students are seen to be wearing makeup, they will be asked to remove it and the school office will have nail varnish remover to facilitate this.

Snacks, Chewing Gum and Sweets: Please ensure that snacks are as healthy as possible. Chewing Gum is not permitted in school. Any student caught chewing gum in school will have an automatic sanction and the associated consequence. There are also an increasing number of students bringing and eating sweets in school both during break, but also in between lessons and whilst lining up for class. Students are not permitted to eat sweets between lessons or on their way to lessons and should not be bringing them into school.

Mobile Phones: SMART mobile phones are *not* allowed in school – please see the school's [mobile phone policy](#). Any SMART phones that are found in school, will be confiscated and will only be returned to the student's parent or carer. We recognise that for safety reasons parents may wish to have a method to be able to contact their children on the way home from school, therefore we do permit students - with permission - to have a non-smart phone that they keep switched off in their bag during the day and then turn on once they've left the school site.

Equipment: We have had a big drive on ensuring students arrive to lessons ready to learn and equipped properly. This has involved the school investing in and providing students with much of the basic stationery that we expect them to have with them. It's great to see that this has had a positive impact on students being ready for their lessons. We will monitor this and continue to put an emphasis on this throughout the summer term. As with uniform, students who do not have the correct equipment with them in school will receive a signature in their organisers for each day they are missing equipment, every third signature will result in the students receiving a behaviour point. Please ensure students are well-equipped and, if you need any support with this, please let us know.

Many thanks for your continued support – have a good Easter break.

Mike Simpson
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