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Dear Parent/Carer,

The KS4 and KS5 exam period has started very well with the vast majority of pupils engaged and fully focused. Other year groups have had end of year assessments or they are to come and we look forward to celebrating their successes in due course.

As a school we always appreciate the support of parents/carers. A strong partnership is key to success for all.

With this in mind, we are asking that you remind your children of the following school expectations:

- School shoes should be black, formal leather or leather-looking; a small bow/tassel is acceptable, but no shoes should have any coloured logos visible, e.g. Nike tick. Pupils should not be wearing trainers or boots in school.
- We expect skirts not to be rolled up and of suitable length (knee length at least).
- The jewellery policy is clear in that pupils are allowed to wear one plain stud in each ear lobe only. No other jewellery is to be permitted.
- Makeup should be minimal with no false tan, false nails, painted nails or false eye lashes.
- Pupils must wear their school blazers and ties at all times. No hoodies or non-approved school jumpers to be worn under, or instead of, blazers.
- Pupils must remove coats and other outdoor garments when entering the buildings

The students' school uniform is an important expression of their pride in our school. Regardless of background or ability, wearing a smart school uniform and promoting professional appearance promotes equality and a feeling of community and prepares students for the demands of the world of work.

We ask that everyone, students, parents and carers, help to ensure that our school dress code is always observed. Parents/carers in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to support to help with uniform costs. Please contact the school where such matters will be dealt with discretely.

As always, thank you for your support and co-operation. It really does help.

Kind regards, Richard Hutchinson Deputy Head Teacher

