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Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the PE faculty in raising standards with regards to PE kit in lessons, as outlined in the letter sent out to you on 17 January 2024 from Mrs Miller. Your response to this, and support, is already showing through significant improvements to kit worn during PE lessons.

In line with this, could we also ask for your support in ensuring your child is adhering to the academy uniform policy. The vast majority of our students arrive to school every day, adhering to the uniform expectations and bringing with them the necessary equipment so that learning can be maximised.

A small cohort of students, however, are arriving to the academy, or being seen around the site, with incorrect uniform or uniform discrepancies which include: wearing excessive/inappropriate jewellery, false eyelashes, incorrect footwear (although correct shoes are in their bag), not wearing their clip-on tie correctly or carrying their blazer in their bag rather than wearing it. If this happens, we will ask your child to remedy this. If this is not possible straight away, we will contact you to ask for your support.

In line with our policy, we will agree with you a time frame for the issue to be rectified.

If your child continues to arrive in the incorrect uniform following this we will:

- On the first occasion that a student presents with incorrect uniform or any uniform discrepancy following our communication with you they will be issued with a 'C3 Other' detention for the following day (unless there is an agreed timescale to rectify the matter written in their planner by a parent/carer and agreed by the Year team). A C3 other detention sticker will be placed in the student's planner and they will have a 30-minute detention the following day. We have introduced this sanction as a way of reducing lost learning time due to uniform infringements.
- If the student, however, still has not corrected the uniform issue/discrepancy, after the agreed time frame, they will complete a day in Reflection. If a student refuses to follow a reasonable request of going to Reflection, this may result in a suspension.
- Persistent issues with uniform will be followed up by the year team.
- There will be weekly uniform checks as students enter their assembly and during a form period each week - any issues will be followed up by the year team at this time. If your child has any issues or concerns regarding uniform, please encourage them to discuss this with the year team during our 'Meet and Greet' session as they arrive to school each day.

I thank you in advance for your support in helping us maintain high standards of uniform across the academy.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Saeed
Principal



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children