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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify certain aspects of our school uniform policy, in preparation for the start of the new school year in September. Our school uniform policy states that:

“All students should wear ‘school type’ black, polishable shoes (no boots or trainers and nothing with a branded logo showing)”.

I am aware that some retailers (including Sports Direct and JD Sports) sell ‘trainer style’ footwear as school shoes, but if there are sports brand names or logos showing on the outside of the shoe, they are not allowed to be worn in school. Some examples of sports branded footwear include Nike, Adidas, Vans, Lonsdale, Lacoste and Puma. For clarity, please refer to the images of sports branded footwear attached to this letter, which are **not** allowed to be worn in school. As a rule, if the sports brand can be identified from logos on the outside of the footwear, then they should not be worn as school shoes.

Should your child have a medical condition which will require them to wear trainers when they return to school in September, please arrange for a letter from a doctor or consultant to be given to their Form Tutor by the end of the first week back. A letter from a parent or guardian by itself will not be accepted as confirmation that trainers need to be worn for medical reasons. It is possible that your child has been wearing trainers to school this year, but we have decided to address this issue now, as an increasing number of students are starting to wear trainers and many parents will be purchasing new school shoes during the summer holidays.

The following is also stated in our school uniform policy:

“Skirts: Pleated/Plain Mid Grey Skirt (no lycra or stretch material allowed).” – **skirts should not be more than 2 inches above the knee**

“Hair: ‘Grade One’ haircuts, or other extreme cuts and unnatural hair colours are unacceptable.”

“Jewellery: Years 7 – 11: maximum of one stud or small earring in each ear. **No other facial piercings** or different types of piercings are allowed. (Should this occur students will be asked to remove the piercing whilst in school).”

“Make-up: is not allowed in Years 7, 8 and 9. Older girls may use it modestly. Nail varnish should be a clear or pale colour but **no** nail extensions, acrylic or shellac varnish are permitted. Your child will be asked to remove any inappropriate colours.”

We have noticed that an increasing number of students have been wearing false nails to school. Not only is this a clear breach of our school uniform policy, but these nails represent a health and safety risk in practical subjects, such as PE, so they should **not** be worn in school. There has also been an increase in students having unsuitable, so-called ‘industrial piercings’. These piercings are **not** permitted in school and your child will be asked to remove these, should they arrive at school with them.

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Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child's appearance follows our school policy relating to uniform, footwear, hair, jewellery and make-up. It is important that all students follow the rules set out in the uniform policy to avoid sanctions being applied. We appreciate the fact the majority of parents are willing to work with us to maintain the high standards we expect and to allow us to focus on our primary aim of providing the best education possible for all of our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr J White
Assistant Headteacher