

Dear parent/carer

We are always looking to review our systems in school and updating where needed. A few of our students have raised points recently about school uniform - we have listened and made some changes. In addition, we have altered the current rule regarding the wearing of hoodies.

### **Hoodies**

From the 4th April, students will no longer be able to wear hoodies in school that are not school ones or used for PE purposes. Students can wear plain black hoodies for PE **only** and must remove them at the end of the lesson, when getting changed. Only school jumpers are allowed to be worn under blazers and not hoodies. We only relaxed this rule during the pandemic due to windows being open. Any student who comes to school in anything other than what is appropriate will be asked to remove it, it will be given to the office and then picked up again at the end of the day. If students do not comply with this expectation, it will be followed up with sanctions. Plain black v-neck jumpers are of course readily available, as always, from either the school supplier or supermarkets.

### **Jewellery**

Our current policy states that earrings are only to be worn during the first six weeks following piercing and not during PE lessons. We have adapted this to now allow students to wear discreet studs (maximum of 2) throughout the year. These can't be worn in PE though and the current rules here will still apply. However, should a child come to school in studs, this will be the responsibility of the child/parent and the school will not be held accountable for any missing, lost, misplaced or broken jewellery. Likewise, with watches, which can be worn under our currently policy – as long as they are not attached to a phone (e.g. smartwatch). No other jewellery is to be worn.

### **Make-up**

We have been asked by some of our older students about being able to wear make-up. Our response to this remains unchanged – it is difficult to police who is wearing what and our students are still in a middle school and young so we do not feel it is appropriate to be wearing make up at this age.

### **Hair Styles**

As with make-up, our policy remains unchanged with no extreme styles, lines cut into hair, no less than number one when cut short with a razor, no unnatural colours.

### **Leggings**

We asked our pupils to wear shorts over their leggings during PE as some were so thin that underwear could be clearly seen. Again, students have asked if they can wear thicker leggings of their choice. We have now chosen a different school legging with our supplier, in conjunction with the PE department. They will have the school logo and will be of suitable material and thickness. Only these will be able to be worn without shorts and they will be available to purchase later in the term. We will let parents and students know when this happens.

Many thanks for your co-operation, as always.

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