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Dear Parents/Guardians

At the end of a long term, can I thank families for their continued support in ensuring students are prepared and equipped for school. We have been impressed with students' approach to their studies in school as we continue to re-establish ways of working which have been impacted due to the pandemic.

After Christmas we are focusing on further improving standards within school and have recently completed review activities and taken feedback from staff on what additional support can be given in school with regards to consistency. We have identified some basic expectations, which are not new, but would like to remind parents and students of at this time:

1. Uniform

Can we please highlight the following:

- a. **Shoes** – students are asked to arrive in school with shoes and not trainers. We have purchased some school shoes that we will ask students to wear if they return in trainers.
- b. **Jewellery** – A maximum of one stud or small earring in each ear. No other facial piercings or different types of piercings are allowed.
- c. **Nail varnish** – Pale colours only, bright or dark colours will be asked to be removed.
- d. **False nails** – These should not be worn in school, they prohibit a range of activities and can be a Health & Safety issue in areas such as PE.
- e. **Skirt length** - We are regularly contacting families with regards to skirt length. Parents are asked to ensure that they support the school policy which states skirts must not be more than two inches above the knee.

2. Punctuality

As a school we work hard to ensure that students arrive in school on time and transit between lessons with a sense of purpose.

After Christmas punctuality to school and during the school day will be carefully monitored. If a student is late to school or are persistently late to class, they will be expected to attend an afterschool detention. We will notify parents of the day and date of this detention via Satchel One and a text message home. We will be monitoring this in the morning via our school sign in system. Any student arriving after 8.45am, without valid reason, will be classed as being late.

Form tutors will be supporting our uniform policy at the start of each day - basic expectations such as shirts that are not tucked in, sleeves rolled up on blazers, jewellery, nail polish and trainers. Students will be asked to rectify these things by their tutors and teachers. They will have until Thursday to put this right, if this is not done, they will have an afterschool detention on Friday.

We continue to promote a consistent approach to our standard practices and want to ensure that all students work effectively towards these.

As always, we thank you for your support with this and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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