Addendum to Uniform Policy - January 2023

Wearing of PE kit on PE days - rationale

Recently, we have listened to parents and students who have told us that wearing PE uniform to school on days when PE is timetabled maximises PE lesson time and reduces the risk of lost property. For now, we will allow this to continue.

However, students do need to be following school uniform policy. We will continue to review this situation, and if the policy is flouted, will consider reverting to the expectation that normal day uniform must be worn on all days (with PE kit changed into for PE lessons).

We hope parents will continue to support us in adhering to our policies clearly laid out on the website. If a child does not have the appropriate jogging bottoms or top, they should wear normal school uniform in the morning.

In line with many other schools and colleges, from Monday, 9th January 2023, we require every student to wear a lanyard with their timetable and expectation card. The replacement lanyards are £1.50, however, we will support any financial hardship.

Enforcing high standards of uniform – The Expectation card

This is to address uniform standards and punctuality to lessons. For many students, it will have little relevance as they already follow the expectations. We will then use the cards within our rewards strategy to show appreciation of the students that manage to sustain a blank card, focusing again on positive reinforcement to the students who make the correct decisions each and every day.

The expectation cards are issued each term and will be placed within the lanyard. If a student does not follow the basic expectations of punctuality and uniform, any staff member has the right to mark the card indicating this. If the student fails to hand over the card, they will get an automatic detention. If they have no lanyard they will have an automatic detention. The member of staff responsible for dealing with the situation is responsible for setting this detention and signing the card with the date. We will then sign to say they have completed their detention. Detentions will be on Thursday.

Daily Expectation of Students

To wear the uniform as it is designed.

Skirts, Trousers and Shorts – Not rolling skirt waist bands or wearing incorrect skirts, trousers and shorts.

Shirts and Ties - Shirts tucked in and a tie worn.

Socks – Plain unbranded black socks, below the knee.

Shoes – Leather look school shoes – no trainers.

Blazer – Worn at all times on non PE days and over the plain v neck jumper. The jumper should not replace the blazer.

PE – Plain black or a subtly branded item for the uniform bottoms and a school branded t-shirt/jumper. Branded hoodies/jumpers are not acceptable. The logo must not be larger than a credit card.

Jewellery – One flat ring and one stud like earring per ear only, no hoops or facial piercings.

Make up – Must be subtle and no false nails, lashes or nail polish.

If a student has 3 strikes for uniform they will be allocated a 30 minute expectation detention. The tutor will check the cards weekly in the Big Review and issue the expectations detention on Edulink. If a student has 6 strikes then they should have x2 30 minute detentions so one hour set.

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All aspects of the uniform policy should be monitored and checked daily by all staff using the card. The above are examples of common misdemeanours only. Tutors will check students have the expectations cards daily in tutor time.