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Dear Parents/Carers,

As is customary, students will be dismissed from school at 12 noon for the start of Christmas Holidays on Friday 15 December 2017

Can we take this opportunity to wish families Happy Christmas and good fortune for the New Year. We would like to thank parents and students for their support and hard work in the Autumn Term.

The Spring Term will re-open to students on Wednesday 3 January 2018. All students should arrive at School at 08:20 for an 08:30 start with registration as normal. Please ensure that your child reports to School, after the holidays in full school uniform with all the necessary equipment.

The first two weeks of January will be Mock examinations for Years 11, 12 and 13. We would encourage all students to take advantage of the holidays to prepare effectively for these assessments. Confidence and valuable learning can be gained if students fully engage with their revision and preparation for these crucial tests ahead of the real exams in the summer.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Our uniform allows students to feel part of the School and have a sense of belonging. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our students wear their uniform correctly and attached to this letter is a copy of the **School's Dress Code** as a reminder of what is and is not permitted. Please do ensure that your child reports to School, after the holidays, in full School uniform.

In the colder weather, many students may choose to wear scarves, shawls and coats. Please ensure that these are plain black or dark blue, in line with the published uniform requirements.

### **WINTER WEATHER**

Should there be substantial snowfall please check the School Website for the latest information. We will, of course, make every attempt to contact you by text message as well.

### **SPRING TERM PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS**

Year 7 Tuesday 20 February

Year 8 Thursday 08 March

Year 9 Thursday 25 January

Year 10 Tuesday 13 March

Year 11 Thursday 01 February

Post-16 Thursday 08 February

We look forward to seeing students at the start of term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr O'Hagan  
Deputy Headteacher

**STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM TO, FROM AND AT SCHOOL.  
GIRLS:**

- Key Stage 3/4 School tie
- Black School blazer with School Logo
- Skirt (knee length): Plain black
- Trousers (regular cut): Plain black - **No jeans or tight fitting trousers**
- Shirt (not a blouse): Plain white
- Pullover: Plain, black V-necked **with School Logo** (Optional, never to be worn in place of a blazer)
- Shoes (not trainers): Black, leather type uppers, low heels. no boots – no sandals – no open-toed shoes, **no canvas and no plimsolls**
- Socks: Grey, white or black
- Tights: Plain black or flesh coloured
- Outdoor coats, hats and scarves: Plain dark colour – no large Logos.
- No caps or hoodies
- Hijab: Plain black or white (if worn)

**GIRLS: PE Kit**

**Students will be required to wear the following PE Kit at school:**

- School Rugby shirt
- White T-shirt with School Logo
- Black Shorts with School Logo (for girls this is optional) or Black tracksuit bottoms with School logo
- Black football socks
- Shin pads
- Supportive trainers (not plimsolls)

**BOYS:**

- Key Stage 3/4 School tie
- Black School blazer with the School Logo
- Trousers (regular cut): Plain black, worsted material – **No jeans**
- Shirt: Plain white
- Pullover: Plain, black V-necked **with School Logo** (Optional, never to be worn in place of a blazer)
- Shoes (not trainers): Black, leather type uppers, low heels, no boots – no sandals – no open-toed shoes, **no canvas shoes and no plimsolls**
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- Black football socks
- Shin pads (where required)
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**All Students**

- Jewellery: A wrist watch and single small stud earrings to be worn only in the earlobe. Small, religious emblems may be worn discreetly inside a student's uniform but not during PE lessons. **Nose studs are not permitted.**
- Hair: Coloured hair and high fashion/cult hair styles are not permitted. Shaved heads (Grade 2 or shorter) are not permitted. **No tramlines in hair or eyebrows.**
- **Mobile phones**, personal stereos, radios, cameras, video games and MP3 players and similar must not be seen in school. If students do choose to bring in such items, the School will not take any responsibility for loss or damage. They will be confiscated by staff and a parent will be required to collect them.
- **No Make-up or nail varnish.**

## POST-16 DRESS CODE

As part of our commitment to high standards and pride in our School, our Post 16 students are expected to come to school in smart, professional clothing, reflecting what you would expect to wear in an office or business environment. You will be expected to act as a role model for younger students and maintain the excellent reputation that the School has in the local community.



- All Sixth Form students must wear their ID badge at all times
- No facial jewellery
- No jeans, combats, trainers, shorts, leggings, skinny jeans, skirts above the knee, hooded tops, boots etc.
- Students will be sent home to change if their attire is not judged to be appropriate business dress

**ANY INFRINGEMENT OF THE DRESS CODE WILL BE CHALLENGED BY STAFF**