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Dear Parent / Carer,

I recognise that many parents will be purchasing additional items of uniform over the summer holiday and I would like to take this opportunity of reminding you of a number of points regarding uniform, as well as reinforcing some of our standards in preparation for the new school year.

- Items of uniform must be purchased through our official supplier: Trutex
- **Shoes should be plain black** – shoes with gold or silver buckles are not allowed and neither are boots, pumps, trainers or canvas shoes.
- **Socks must be plain black**
- **Coats should be dark in colour with no large logos** – hoodies or track suit tops are not a substitute for a coat and are not allowed
- **Students must bring a suitable bag with them every day**
- **The only item of jewellery allowed is a wrist watch** – wrist bands / bangles are not allowed
- **No body piercings, including nose, tongue or belly button are allowed** - I would suggest that anyone planning to have a piercing, does so at the start of the summer holiday as regardless of what advice students are given by the person doing the piercing, they will not be allowed in the academy
- **Make-up should not be worn by younger students and any make-up worn by older students must be discreet** – I recognise that the interpretation of 'discreet' is a subjective one and would urge students to wear less make-up if in doubt
- **Nail polish or false nails are not allowed**
- **Hair colours should be natural**
- **Basic equipment such as a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber should be brought every day**

Please note that uniform infringements will incur a 1 hour 'C4 Other' detention and students will be asked to correct the issue; refusal to do so will result in a fixed term exclusion.

I welcome your support with this matter and I hope that the timing of this letter will allow you to plan accordingly over the summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Haynes
Principal