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Dear families

Ahead of the Easter break I wanted to write and clarify our expectations in regards to uniform. We know that in order to climb their mountain to university or a real alternative students need to be in 100% perfect uniform. Standardised uniform provides a source of equity across our student community as well being practically useful and a source of pride in their school. As always, the vast majority of families support us fully with this but it is always helpful before a longer holiday to confirm expectations.

In regards to uniform I am pleased to report most of our students adhere to our expectations but there remains some inconsistencies to be eradicated after the holiday so please do consider the following expectations which apply to each and every student without fear or favour:

- No nail varnish or fake nails
- A plain black A4 bag
- Knee length skirts
- Natural hair colour
- Plain black socks
- Academy blazer and jumper (for KS3 students)
- Suit jacket (for KS4 students)
- No jewellery

I will stress the point about jewellery and fake nails / nail varnish. We have always been really clear about these expectations and if you choose to take your child for fake nails or a piercing then you are choosing not to support us with our drive for standards. However, please note that if you do this your child will be isolated from the first day back until the situation can be rectified. I do not want to do this but at the same time standards and adhering to the expectations of the academy have been such an important part of our initial improvement since September and we cannot allow this to slip.

Additionally, all students must have a plain black A4 bag and after spending thousands of pounds supplying these to students and families where they have not had one we will now expect everyone to have one or be isolated until they do have one.

We have plain black shoes for all students and again, unless an official medical note is provided, all students will be expected to change into a pair of our plain black shoes. Refusal to do so will also result in isolation.

I am being as clear as I can about our expectations of 100% perfect uniform so that everyone is clear about our high standards (which have not changed) and consequence if they are not met. We have spent a significant amount of money to help ensure students have all the uniform they need to be smart and appropriately dressed and I am counting on your support so that every child is able to learn and succeed.

Yours faithfully

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