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Dear Parent/Carer

When we reach the midpoint of the academic year we tend to find that standards of uniform begin to dip. At school we have been monitoring and asking students to fix these issues since we returned after Christmas, you will be aware of this as we will have made calls home and in many cases students have chosen to wear the wrong items even though they do have them at home.

Uniform is important because it allows students to feel a sense of belonging in the academy and to have equal status with their peers. We worked closely with our students at the start of the year when looking at styles of footwear and trousers to find a common ground of acceptable items for both the academy and students, but unfortunately this is now being pushed too far.

You will be aware of this but just to re-iterate our uniform is:

- The academy blazer
- A white shirt with academy tie
- A grey jumper/cardigan is optional
- Grey trousers appropriate for school/Academy skirt
- Black, polishable shoes
- No jewellery/piercings
- No extreme hairstyles/colours

We have a number of students wearing cloth trainers to school or trousers that can only be described as leggings. We need to resolve this with your support and do this at pace. Year 11 students are expected to be in correct uniform until their final exam.

Unfortunately our softer approaches to fixing these issues over the last month are not working, therefore, we are going to take a stronger stance on standards. From Monday any student not wearing the full correct uniform (unless previously agreed) will be in Independent Learning until the situation is resolved. Jewellery items will be placed in the safe to be collected by parents.

We are in a fortunate place that our standards of behaviour and conduct in the academy are very good and that our students are lovely, pleasant young people that I am proud of. But a great school has great standards of dress and I need your support to make that happen.

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If your child is placed in Independent Learning on Monday you will receive a call from a senior leader, if you can resolve the issue your child will be returned to normal lessons. I do not anticipate that this will apply to many children but I wanted you all to be aware for clarity.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire  
Principal