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Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform reminder: Years 7-11

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit our uniform expectations.

Uniform, correctly worn, supports the orderly and calm atmosphere that we promote at Waddesdon; it also teaches our young people about the importance of dressing smartly and meeting expectations outside school when they finally leave us.

Although it can create frustration for some parents, our students' appearance indicates readiness to learn and adherence to our shared standards which constitute the Waddesdon Way. Our expectation is that students should not only wear school uniform, but also look smart when they are doing so. For example, blazers should be always worn around the school site.

Students therefore have a responsibility to dress smartly and sensibly. To support them in doing so, the school's dress code is regularly monitored during the year, so parents must be satisfied that any garments purchased for school conform to the uniform that has been negotiated and agreed.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

In Years 7-11 blazers and skirts from the school supplier 'Stevensons' are compulsory.

School uniform and sportswear can be ordered online at www.stevensons.co.uk

UNIFORM YEARS 7-11

BOYS:

- Plain black trousers (not with patch pockets, please)
- White shirt which will tuck in and is designed to take a tie
- Black blazer with school badge already embroidered onto the breast pocket
- School tie
- Discreet black belt
- Plain black shoes (not 'trainer' style shoes with Velcro)
- A plain black V-neck jumper may be worn with the blazer in cold weather. (Cardigans are not acceptable).

GIRLS:

- Plain black school skirt with logo, or plain full-length trousers (not with patch pockets, please)
- White shirt which will tuck in and is designed to take a tie
- Black blazer with school badge already embroidered onto the breast pocket
- School tie
- Discreet black belt
- Plain black shoes (not 'trainer' style shoes with Velcro)
- A plain black V-neck jumper may be worn with the blazer in cold weather (cardigans are not acceptable).

Extreme hairstyles, including sculptured haircuts, and obviously dyed hair, features such as razored eyebrows, any facial and tongue piercing, jewellery, acrylic and/or painted nails are not permitted. Please remember: NO earrings, only discreet plain studs; two studs per ear (ear lobe only) is the maximum allowed. (To allow time for healing, we advise that ears should not be pierced during term-time). No earring type is permitted to be worn in PE lessons. Only subtle use of make-up is permissible. Facial hair can be grown, if you wish, so long as it is kept neat and tidy. Tattoos are strictly forbidden.

As a school we support the Halo Code. This means that we champion the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles.

Girls' skirts should be business-like and in line with the practicalities of everyday life. In order to facilitate this, we expect that girls wear the black monogrammed school skirt (from Stevensons). No other skirts are allowed. We ask that parents do not modify the skirt by shortening the hemline. In school, skirts must be worn correctly. Skirts should sit on the waist and should not be rolled or tied up in any way. Our expectation is that students not only wear school uniform but look smart when they are doing so. Blazers should be worn at all times around the school site.

We will be checking uniform on your child's return to school and hope that this reminder of our school expectations removes any confusion.

Three questions you should address with your son or daughter before their return are:

- Do you have a plain (no logo) black jumper for the colder weather?
- Are your shoes appropriate for school? (i.e. not 'trainer' style shoes)
- Have you removed any nail varnish, or acrylics that you have been wearing during the holidays?

Kind Regards

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