

Dear Parent / Carer

Like young people the world over, if we don't keep reminding them about our uniform expectations some of our students let their adherence to our uniform policy slip over time.

Next week we will be asking tutors to check each morning that students are meeting our uniform standards. Where they have items missing or incorrect, students will be given a short period of grace to make the necessary changes but then, if uniform remains incorrect, sanctions will be applied.

We are not wanting to catch students or parents out with this focus, hence our sending of this letter before we begin. If you know that there is a legitimate reason that a piece of uniform is missing or incorrect, please could you put a note in your child's planner for their tutor explaining what is missing and the timescale for its replacement.

Some common issues that we tackle routinely with students are;

- Missing lanyard
- Excessive piercings. No facial piercings and one pair of ear rings please.
- No other jewellery - necklaces, rings, bracelets etc
- Track suit / sports top or hoodie worn without a school jumper. Hoodies should not be in school at all.
- White socks
- Plain black trainers or shoes
- False nails

To clarify - our uniform expectations are:

- Students must wear a lanyard with an ID card.
- No Excessive Piercings. No Facial Piercings. Only 1 pair of stud earrings.
- No other jewellery, eg necklaces, rings, bracelets.
- No white socks
- No Tracksuit tops or Sports hoodies either in place of BGLC jumpers/ cardigans or over the top of uniforms.
- Plain black shoes/ trainers ONLY
- NO false nails

Please could we ask you to challenge your own children if they are setting off for school with missing uniform or are wearing things they should not.

Year 11

While false nails are not allowed for any students in school, we are especially keen to ensure that our year 11 students are not wearing false nails. It has been our experience that sometimes students have nails so long that they make holding a pen more difficult and with the closeness of GCSE exams we would not want to see any of our students disadvantage themselves in this way.

As always thank you to the huge majority of parents / carers who do ensure that their children's uniform for school does meet our dress code every day.

Yours sincerely

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