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Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Dress Code

From September 2017 we will be introducing a new dress code for our Sixth Form students.

My aim is to have all Sixth Form students regarded as role models for students lower down the school, and their standards of dress are an important part of the culture of the Sixth Form.

Students are asked to regard Sixth Form dress requirements in a positive manner. It is increasingly common for Sixth Forms to have an expectation that students come into school wearing business dress, i.e. for boys a suit, shirt and tie.

School is a workplace and the students' appearance should reflect that.

Below are the appropriate clothing items that will fit in with our new dress code:-

Boys

- Shirt with collar – t shirts are unacceptable.
- Trousers should be tailored – no jeans (black or blue), tracksuit bottoms or shorts.
- Shoes (not necessarily black) – Trainers or 'Converse' style canvas shoes are unacceptable.
- Suit or smart jacket – not denim.
- A tie is optional.

Girls

- Tailored trousers, a skirt or dress. Skirts and dresses should be of a suitable length – no jeans (black or blue), combats or shorts.
 - Leggings with a short top are not acceptable, but leggings may be worn with a longer tunic top or with a skirt. 'Jeggings' are not allowed.
- Blouse, shirt or tailored top. Tops that expose the abdomen are unacceptable as are strapless, backless or baggy tops with logos.
- Shoes or sandals (not necessarily black).
- Trainers or 'Converse' style canvas shoes, flip-flops and boots with trousers tucked in are unacceptable.
- Suit or smart jacket – not denim.

Clothing that features large logos, slogans, images or badges are unacceptable. This does not extend to manufacturers' names or small logos that are displayed discreetly.

To reiterate: black and blue denim clothing in any form is unacceptable. All trainers are unacceptable.

Most jewellery is considered acceptable. However, students may be required to remove items if an excessive amount of jewellery is worn. Because of the constant changes in fashion that take place, it has to remain the right of senior members of staff and the Head of Sixth Form to determine that a particular item of dress is not appropriate for school.

Students who turn up to school inappropriately dressed will be asked to go home and change. Students should accept this and understand the consequent loss of learning time.

I'd like to remind families who may experience difficulty in purchasing clothes to meet the dress code requirements, that there is a Sixth Form Bursary available. To receive the latter, certain criteria must be met, but I can assure you that all applications will be considered in the strictest confidence.

If you have any further questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Blaize', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr R Blaize
Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form