

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Exams and their conduct

I feel disappointed that I need to send this letter to year 11 parents and carers, especially when the vast majority of our students have been exceptional this week and have been congratulated for their conduct. I do however feel it is important to keep parents up to date on the recent conduct of some of our year 11 students.

Firstly, I am pleased to report that the overall attitude displayed by our students during their exams this week has been commendable. Many have approached their assessments with maturity and commitment. We are proud of their efforts and encourage them to maintain this level of dedication throughout the remainder of next week as they complete their final mock exams.

Uniform

It has come to our attention that there have been some issues regarding uniform standards amongst our Year 11 cohort this week and we are disappointed to note that there has been a noticeable decline in adherence to our uniform policy. We kindly remind both students and parents of the importance of maintaining appropriate uniform standards, as this reflects our school's values and promotes a sense of pride and professionalism amongst our students. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation at home.

As a reminder the following must be addressed by **Monday 26 February** otherwise students will sit their exams within our reflection room in line with our policy.

- **Fake nails** and **eyelashes** are not allowed
- **Fake tan** is not allowed
- **Leggings / skinny tight** trousers are not allowed
- **Hoodies and unbranded** jumpers are not allowed
- **Jewellery** – necklaces, bracelets, multiple earrings and nose piercing are not allowed.
- **Trainers** are not allowed
- **Ties and blazers** to be worn at all times

Punctuality to lessons

For a small group of students, it has been observed that there has been a lack of punctuality, which is unacceptable. We urge parents to stress the importance of punctuality with their children and to ensure they arrive promptly to all scheduled lessons.

This includes a few students choosing not to return to their timetabled lessons following an exam which has caused persistent disruption. This behaviour is deeply concerning, as it not only disrupts the continuity of learning but also raises significant safeguarding issues. It is imperative that students attend all lessons as scheduled on their timetables.

Please remind your child of their responsibility to attend all lessons in the correct uniform and to uphold these standards that is expected of them as members of our school community. Those who are persistent in making poor choices will forfeit the right to attend the Year 11 Prom at the end of the year and may face suspension from school for causing disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in addressing these matters. Together, we can ensure that our Year 11 students finish the academic year on a positive note, ready to embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandham

Principal