



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As part of our relentless focus on improving standards at the school and raising expectations for students in terms of pride in their appearance and conduct around school, we have made a small number of changes to the school uniform and the rewards and behaviour policies that you need to be aware of.

School Footwear

From the beginning of the new academic term in August 2021, all students will be expected to wear black shoes as part of their uniform. These should be worn with black socks/tights. Black trainers and black canvas shoes will **not** be accepted as part of our uniform. As stated, this is part of our drive to raise students pride in their appearance that prepares them for the future. Please see the images below for guidance.



Mobile Phones

With effect from the first day back in August 2021 and in keeping with our values of 'students first', 'it's about learning' and 'no barriers', we will be changing our rules regarding mobile phones in school. We acknowledge that mobile phones are a part of our everyday lives and we accept that a lot of students may have their own phone. If brought onto school premises they are the sole responsibility of the student and once on site they must be switched off all day. This includes break and lunchtimes. If a phone is seen (switched on or off) it will be confiscated and a parent/carer will be asked to come into school to collect it. The same applies to headphones/earphones. This policy is in place to ensure that everyone remains focused on learning, and enjoys social times without distraction. We also believe that it is important in the technology filled lives we all now live, that students have a break from this.



General Appearance

We expect students to arrive to school demonstrating appearance that is suitable for a school environment. This means that piercings should be kept to a minimum and is limited to a watch and one studded pair of earrings. Other jewellery and piercings are not permitted including septum piercings and nose piercings. These expectations are also in place to ensure the highest standards of health and safety in practical subjects such as PE and technology subjects.

Students in Years 7 and 8 are not allowed to wear make up and those students who choose to do so in Years 9-11 must ensure that it is discreet. This means that students should not wear false eyelashes, false nails or colour their nails. For health & safety reasons, students with long/false nails will be asked to immediately cut their nails or be taken out of circulation until this is done.

We continue to thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Azizah Pathan, Head of School

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