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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Student Uniform

I wanted to write to clarify student uniform so that no items of clothing or jewellery are purchased unnecessarily. There are no changes to the normal rules but I would like to highlight some of the existing rules that tend to be broken by a minority of students.

Students must wear:

1. School shoes that can be **polished**, not black trainers, backless shoes, Leather Vans, Leather Converse, uggs, boots or plimsolls.
2. No jewellery apart from a small stud in each ear and a watch. This means no bracelets or facial piercings such as tongue, eyebrow, cheek, nose or lip.
3. Shirts with top buttons. Some students have worn blouses or shirts without a top button which means the tie cannot be worn properly.
4. The School blazer with the school badge and not a version of the blazer. This can be purchased through Marks & Spencer online.
5. Black v neck sweaters and not cardigans. The black v neck sweater is optional and should not be worn instead of a blazer. Hoodies are not permitted to be seen at all on the school site.
6. Tailored trousers – not leggings, denim, narrow legged or skin tight.
7. Tailored skirts that are knee length. They must not be made of stretchy material or be tight fitting.
8. White, grey or black socks and not multi-coloured socks.
9. House badges or school badges only e.g. house captain, form rep or prefect.
10. Coats in colder weather and not hoodies.

It should also be noted that students are not allowed to wear make-up, nail varnish, false nails, false eyelashes or wear unnatural colours in their hair. If students persist in wearing these items we will consider removing them from lessons.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind students and parents about PE kit.

Female students must wear:

Blue shorts or blue tracksuit bottoms, Socks, Blue T-shirt, Blue jumper. Leggings are not to be worn under any circumstances for PE.

Male students must wear:

Blue shorts, Socks, Blue T-shirt or Football top, Blue jumper.

Post 16 students have a separate dress code and they have been made aware of this as part of their induction and in their contract. However, as a reminder I have outlined it below:

Male	Suit (<i>JACKET MUST BE WORN</i>)	Dark colours preferably
	Shirt	Any Colour
	Tie	Any Colour
	Shoes	Black/Brown leather
Female	Suit jacket/Blazer(<i>MUST BE WORN</i>)	Dark Colours preferably
	Trousers	Tailored and dark colours preferably
	Skirt	Tailored, knee length and dark colours preferably
	Shirt/Smart top	Any Colour
	Shoes	Plain/reasonable heel if desired

The rules on make-up, nails and piercings are the same for the Sixth Form as they are for the rest of the school.

If a student does not have the correct uniform, we ask that you provide a note to explain and we will then make a decision as to what we should do. A note only provides us with the information, it does not give permission for a student to be out of uniform and, therefore, the note can only stand for 48 hours unless there is a financial or medical implication. If it is necessary we will send students home to change into the correct uniform or ask a relative to bring it to school. If a student's uniform is particularly poor or no note is received from home we will withdraw them from lessons and isolate them until the issues are resolved. This is the same for any facial piercings.

We believe good uniform supports a good attitude to learning and that is why we have high expectations. We believe that all students should be able to follow simple school rules and so we will enforce these sanctions if need be, but you can imagine how much easier it is for everyone if students do not break the rules and we do not have to give sanctions. The Longdean Learning Platform reiterates these points for students and the Home School Agreement signed by the school, your child and yourself endorses the expectation for all of us to support the school dress code.

I am sure you will understand the School's continued drive for high standards and the need for clarity of rules, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns, as we are always reviewing our practice.

Yours sincerely

G P Cunningham
Headteacher