

12th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

COLLEGE UNIFORM

As the summer term comes rapidly to a close, now may be a suitable time to remind parents and carers once again about our college uniform expectations.

I am sure you will agree that, when worn correctly, the college uniform is exceptionally smart and contributes very positively to our ethos.

We understand that some of our students will be outgrowing items of clothing and footwear. However, the correct uniform must be worn by all students, including those taking examinations, up until the end of term which will be **Friday 21 July 2017**. If you are thinking about replacing uniform now for the remainder of the academic year and for next year, may I respectfully remind you that our uniform policy is as follows:

Full uniform must be worn at all times (unless otherwise determined by the Principal).

- *Black blazer with college badge.*
- *White shirt, worn tucked in.*
- *College clip-on tie.*
- *Smart black full length trousers or black skirt. (Jean-like trousers or immodest skirt length are unacceptable.)*
- *Black sensible shoes. Trainers and similar style leisure shoes are not permitted.*
- *A college (logo) V-necked black long-sleeved jumper may be worn underneath the blazer as an optional item but not as an alternative to the blazer. Cardigans are not accepted.*
- *PE/Music sweatshirts may only be worn for PE or Music activities and not instead of a blazer at any point during the college day.*
- *Jewellery – students may wear discreet unobtrusive jewellery, for example small earrings or studs and a single ring (to be worn in the ear only). A plastic retainer should be worn in any other piercing. Nose rings are not permitted. Health and Safety regulations for some subjects such as PE, Performance Studies, DT and Science, may require jewellery to be removed.*
- *Make-up, nail polish and hair – natural, discreet colours and styles only.*

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There are photographic examples of what constitutes acceptable uniform and shoes, together with the full PE kit requirements, on the college website under the "parents" tab on the menu bar and these are reproduced, below, for your information. Trousers should be of the tailored variety with a waistband and tailored front/back rise. They should be loose on the leg and around the calf/ankle. They should also be made from trouser material, not denim or other heavy duty fabric. Leggings, jeggings, jeans, skinny fit, lycra figure hugging and embellished pants (with feature zippers, logos etc.) are not acceptable school uniform wear and will not be permitted as such. Girls' skirts should fall to a point on or below the knee. Skirts should be loose single layer tailored garments, and not fashion "tube", close fit or skinny fit. Again none of these items will be permitted. Shoes must be plain black, leather or PVC/equivalent sturdy material, not plimsolls or fabric.



All acceptable and compliant items of uniform clothing may be purchased from Lawson's of Tavistock, 1 Parkwood Road, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0HG. Tel: 01822 610200, Email: tavistock@lawson.co.uk. Alternatively you can order clothing directly from the college. Please contact the college for details if you wish to purchase directly from us.

May I also confirm that the school year will end at **13:30pm on Friday 21 July 2017**. The usual buses will run early to coincide with this early closure. Would all parents and carers please note that no student will be permitted to remain on the premises beyond this time as there will be no suitable supervision.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to college on **Tuesday 05 September 2017**. By this time a new section of perimeter fence will have been erected at the front of the college campus, near to the buildings. We are taking the step of enhancing our security as a means of safeguarding all the children and young people more effectively. Thank you for your cooperation with our improved arrangements.

May I thank you, in anticipation, for your continued and much appreciated support. Please do not hesitate to contact me or, in the first instance speak to either your child's form tutor or Head of Year, if you have any questions or if you need further information.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Manning

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Designated Safeguarding Lead

Designated Teacher for Looked After Children