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Dear Parent,

In getting ready for the start of term, I have attached below extracts from our Parental Handbook, to help when sorting out clothing for school, as well as general appearance. There is always a lot of detail in such information and on occasions some of this can be overlooked. Just for ease of reference, I have highlighted some of the areas that can get missed.

Dress and Appearance

After school (5.30pm) on weekdays, and all day at weekends casual clothes may be worn both in College and when going out, provided that they are clean and tidy. **'Casual clothes'** means clothes that are **not ostentatious**, and **covers shoulders** and **midriff**. **Shorts** should be of a **generous cut** and **skirts** should be of a length of **mid-thigh or longer**.

Hair must be kept clean, and tidy. Hair must not be cut or dyed in extreme styles. **Long hair must be tied back during the official school day** (8.30am – 5.30pm). All hair reaching the collar is long enough to be tied back, and must be in either a ponytail or plait, **no top knots**. No unnatural colour, or two-tone hair colouring is permitted, hair must be pulled off the face, **fringes must not obscure the eyes**. **No shaved hair of less than a grade 2**.

'Make up' is not permitted if it is visible to the naked eye.

Boys should be clean shaven. **A moustache, beard or long sideburns are not permitted**. Exceptions may be made on medical grounds or for recognised religious reasons, which would be agreed with the HM before joining the school.

Any jewellery worn must be discreet and tasteful. **A single pair (or two pairs in Sixth Form) of small studs or <15mm hoop earrings may be worn in a piercing of the earlobe (one in each ear)**. No single earring or stud may be worn. Nail-polish, false nails, nose rings/studs or any other facial piercings are not allowed. No more than **two discreet rings or bracelets** can be worn in total. No jewellery must be worn during games.

Tattoos must not be visible at any stage whilst at school or whilst representing the school.

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Dress on Buses

The rules for uniform if you wish to travel on the College transport are as follows:

Full College uniform (as for the teaching day) correctly worn; or

Full Ellesmere badged tracksuit TOPS AND BOTTOMS. The tracksuit must be both clean (i.e. not muddy) and in serviceable condition (i.e. not ripped). You **MAY NOT WEAR** hoodies*, training tops, other tracksuits etc. You may be turned away to change and the buses **MAY NOT** be held for you. On

Friday home time you may wear casual clothes.

**the College hoodies or waterproofs are regarded as tracksuit tops*

School Uniform

- Black polishable shoes
- Dark socks with trousers
- **Suits** (Year 9 and above): **matching** jacket and trousers/skirt
- **All trousers must be full length** (some pupils may have grown!)
- **All skirts (both kilts and suits) must be knee length or longer** (again, some pupils may have grown!)

Every pupil should have an **anorak or plain coloured overcoat**. There is to be **no mixed dress**, **sportswear tops** should **not be worn as a coat** when in school uniform.

If you have any questions in relation to clothing and uniform, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above email address.

Yours sincerely,

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