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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for working with us and supporting our new approaches to uniform and attendance in line with the letters that were sent out last week. We really appreciate families working with us as we strive to provide the highest standard of education for your son or daughter. I am pleased to report that we have seen a marked improvement in uniform standards across the academy and improved punctuality rates and behaviour at both lunch and break times. Moving forward, I am confident that we will continue to build on the progress we made to date.

We believe that all students should be dressed professionally which helps to establish the correct climate for learning. Our students were heavily involved in helping to choose the design of our uniform and we expect them to wear it with pride. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school.

We will be continuing to reinforce our uniform policy and from the **10th December** we will be expecting all students to be wearing plain black formal school shoes (leather or leather like material without a logo). **Trainers (even plain black) or canvas footwear are not permitted. Manufacturers such as Nike, Adidas, Converse and Puma will not be accepted as appropriate footwear providers for school shoes.** Therefore, no student should be wearing trainers of any kind to school.

We have purchased a brand new supply of school shoes that will be loaned to students who attend school in trainers. This will allow parents time to purchase a pair of school shoes where needed. If you wish to purchase a new pair of school shoes directly from the academy you can discuss this with your child's pastoral support manager who will make the necessary arrangements for payment with you.

We look forward to your ongoing support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust that the guidance in this letter makes things much clearer for everyone.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Ian Horgan
Senior Assistant Headteacher

