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Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

Over the last few days of this term we have been highlighting our expectations around dress code to our Sixth Form students. This is in preparation for the summer term. I thought it would be helpful to provide a summary of what we expect regarding the way Sixth Form students dress and the actions we will take if our expectations are not met. We do not require our Sixth Form students to wear a uniform but they should be dressed in a way that reflects the fact that they are in a professional educational environment and set an example to younger students.

- Sixth Form students may wear shorts/ skirts/ skorts etc but these should be of appropriate length. As a guide, if students stand with their arms straight by their sides their shorts/ skirts etc should be lower than their fingertips.
- No underwear should be visible at any time. Vest tops should have straps that are at least two fingers width.
- No bare midriffs.
- Any clothing with potentially offensive logos is not to be worn in school.
- Flip flops should also not be worn in school.
- Students' 6th form lanyards with ID badges should be worn and visible at all times on the school site.

If a student is dressed in a way that is not deemed appropriate they will be spoken to by their tutor and/or the Sixth Form team. Usually issues can be resolved temporarily in school with an understanding that students will dress more appropriately in future. However, there may be occasions when a student's dress is regarded as needing to be changed immediately. In such circumstances, or when students have repeatedly not met our expectations, we reserve the right to send students home to change before attending their lessons. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be issued with a verbal warning in line with our warnings and concerns procedure.

For the vast majority of students who are routinely dressed exactly as we would expect this will simply be a reminder but, it is important that our reasonable expectations are clear to all.

I would like to wish you and your family a happy and restful Easter break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr T Backshall
Head of Sixth Form/Director of Learning Key Stage 5