



17th May 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Fulford School offers a comfortable, smart but flexible uniform policy designed to be appropriate for school whilst minimising unnecessary conflict and disruption regarding students meeting necessary standards. This uniform has been designed in conjunction with students and in the vast majority of cases is followed appropriately and with respect.

There have, however, been elements of “slipping” in some specific areas in recent weeks so this letter is being sent out to make expectations clear on these areas and to ask all students to ensure they meet these requirements before returning from the next half term break on 3rd June. The areas in question are:

1. Hair Colour

Hair must be of natural colours only and extreme styles avoided – please speak to a member of the student support team or myself before considering a possibly extreme hairstyle for your child.

2. Piercings

Facial (or other piercings) beyond two simple earrings are not permitted. Previous acceptance of clear/skin colour studs has been removed due to this system not being respected. Please do not allow your son/daughter to receive a banned piercing until after they have left Year 11 – the sanctions that follow such concerns cause difficulties that both students and parents find hard to accept and follow and this has a marked detrimental effect on academic achievement. If a piercing is made before the end of Year 11 this should be done at the start of the summer holidays and the jewellery removed before return to school.

3. Footwear

Most black footwear is acceptable, whether shoes, plimsolls or “trainer style” shoes but boots or high heeled shoes should not be worn. There must be no obvious branding of any nature on any footwear.

4. Skirts

If a skirt is worn in preference to trousers, this must be of at least knee length.

5. Trousers

Trousers should be of uniform style material (not denim) and should not have ‘combat pockets’.

6. Belts

Belts should be plain in colour and design.

7. Coats

The school does not permit the wearing of denim or leather jackets. A hooded pullover top may only be worn if linked to a school trip or activity (this will be subject to review in September). Coats / jackets / hooded tops should not be worn in place of a standard round-neck school sweatshirt, only in addition.

8. Bracelets and Rings

The school only permits one charity bracelet and no others should be worn. Only one sensibly sized ring may be worn

Students who break these routines will usually initially receive "Q" detentions at lunchtimes but persistent offenders will be withdrawn from lessons, and the most persistent will risk internal or formal external exclusion.

Please support the school in ensuring that your son/daughter meets these uniform routines before the return to school in June and maintains them throughout their time at the school.

Yours sincerely



Dan Bodey
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