



Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to all parents/carers of Y10 Compass students that attend Blackpool & the Fylde College (B&FC) on a Thursday to inform you about a message that was delivered to all students this week regarding dress code and punctuality.

Dress Code

Y10 B&FC students are allowed to attend school on a Thursday in their own clothes to support a smoother departure and arrival to college in the afternoon. We are, however, concerned with a recent dip in standards with what students are deeming "appropriate" clothing choices when it comes to a Thursday.

Whilst students wear their own clothes, we reminded students that they are still in a secondary school environment and will still be representing their school when at college.

We have had students attend wearing shorts, which are inappropriate for a school environment but also subject areas at college. Some students have also attended school in torn jeans/trousers; this is not an appropriate clothing choice for a secondary school environment. Finally, some students deem it appropriate to tie back their jumpers to show off their midriff.

We have informed students about these concerns and asked them to consider their choice of clothing ahead of college this week and for the remaining weeks. I should state that there are a significant number of students "getting it right", but we wanted all students to hear the same message.

As a school, we reserve the right to determine what is and what is not appropriate. Any student attending on a Thursday in inappropriate clothing will be kept in isolation.

Punctuality

Finally, all B&FC students are required to be at their fire lines for no later than 12.55pm for a prompt register and departure. We have an increasing number of students arriving close to 1pm, therefore meaning we are late arriving at college. Students have now been informed that anyone arriving past the point of a teacher completing the register will be marked as late and will receive a 1 hour after school late to lesson detention on the next day. This matches the consequences for being late to any other lesson in school so that we are treating all students consistently across school.

We thank you for your support with these matters; please can we ask that you take the time to speak to your child about these reminders.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Shillitoe
Assistant Headteacher