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Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Expectations

Our school is a community that has high standards in behaviour, attitudes and academic ambition. St. Michael's Catholic Academy believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

Half-term is quickly approaching, and when we return on Monday 27 February we will be focusing further on student uniform, standards and expectations and students should expect to be challenged by all members of staff if they fail to comply with uniform regulations. This includes appropriate footwear, length of skirts, make-up, hairstyles and jewellery. Sanctions will be imposed on those students who continually choose to ignore the Academy's dress code which can be found in our Uniform Policy on the school website.

Below is a brief summary of some of the uniform expectations included in the Uniform Policy:

- Trainers and boots are not considered suitable footwear. High heels are not permitted.
- Skirts must be knee-length and should not be rolled up.
- Black jeans are not permitted.
- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted. A smart and sensible wrist watch. Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.
- Only light, natural-looking makeup is permitted. No false eyelashes.
- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted. Only clear nail varnish may be worn.
- Temporary tattoos are not permitted.
- The following hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school: brightly-coloured, dyed hair, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories, tramline hairstyles or full shaved heads (e.g. under number 4 guard).

Mobile phones/Ear Pods: Must not be used inside the school building. If a student is seen using either a mobile phone or ear pods inside, without direct permission from a member of staff, the phone and or ear pods will be confiscated.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Learning Manager.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Humble
Headteacher