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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Uniform

I know that teenagers are very good at putting pressure on parents to buy particular items of clothing which are 'in' and which can be very expensive. Sometimes these are borderline uniform and may even be marketed as 'school' even though they do not fit our uniform rules. This issue has been brought to my attention recently which is why I am writing to you now.

There are different views about how important uniform is but I hope we can all agree that consistency and fairness are important. All the secondary schools on the Island have a uniform and I would ask for your help in keeping to ours. Many work places do have strict dress codes, although I know not everywhere does. It is important for young people to learn to respect rules and codes and uniform is a part of this. Educational research has also shown that dressing smartly for work changes a child's mental state and helps them to become more ready to learn. Our uniform is based on sensible, decent attire for a place of work and should allow parents to buy reasonably priced items. For example, plain leather school shoes are much cheaper than some of the fashionable alternatives which are really trainers.

In the interests of consistency and fairness, and to try to save parents being pressured into spending money on expensive fashion items, we are re-issuing the guidance sent out last term which clarifies in more detail what is in the students' planner.

Over the next fortnight, tutors will be checking each student's uniform and you will be notified if any item is not acceptable for school. We would ask you to remedy this as soon as reasonably possible and certainly by the start of next half term. I appreciate that not everyone will have time or money to shop for replacement items immediately.

After half term, any student who is not in correct uniform will be asked to change. This may mean sending the student home. Obviously I would prefer not to have to do this and would therefore ask all parents to support us in this and make sure your child is correctly dressed for school.

Thank you for your support in this. Teenagers like to rebel and are good at playing off one adult against another. Let's avoid the arguments by sticking to the rules together. If we can show solidarity as adults on uniform, we can concentrate on helping the children to learn.

Yours faithfully

Ms S Moore
Head