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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

As you will be aware, next week is the half term holiday. We hope all our students have a great break and are relaxed and re-energised ready for the start of spring term two. Monday 20 February is an INSET day so we look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday 21 February for an 0840 start.

From **Tuesday 21 February** it is essential that students arrive fully prepared in order to be able to engage in their lessons immediately. All students will be expected to return to school in full uniform on Tuesday 21 February. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of an educational institution and setting the appropriate tone. We have a strong school uniform and behaviour for learning policy that helps sets the standards for successful learning in the classroom for all students. School uniform also creates a level playing field of expectations and helps provide equality.

From the start of this second half of term, we will be focusing on raising the standards of our uniform. Students will be supported to wear their uniform correctly and families will be given time to address issues. However, we are asking for your support to use the half term break to rectify any uniform issues your child may be having. Particular points of note are:

Hoodies: No hoodies should be worn to school. We hope the weather will warm up shortly and so blazers should be enough. Blazers are compulsory. For those students who feel the cold, we are bringing on-line an optional jumper that will be available shortly. More information on this will follow.

Skirts: These must be the standard school skirt available from SWI.

Socks: If these are worn with tights, they must be logo and pattern free (white, grey or black).

Shirts: These should be worn tucked in.

Piercings: If additional piercings (other than those permitted) are worn to school, your child will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

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We are optimistic that all students will rise to this challenge and be smart and meeting expectations from the outset. As we move in to the term, students who are not prepared to work with us with respect to uniform, will not be lessons until uniform issues are resolved. Please support us in making sure your son/daughter arrives in correct uniform on Tuesday 21 February.

I would encourage students to check that their equipment, as well as their uniform, is ready for use in preparation for the return from half term. If you require support with any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact us in order that we can offer assistance.

Please see below a reminder of the required minimum equipment:

- School bag (large enough to hold an A4 folder).
- Pen (black or blue).
- Green pen (for responded to feedback).
- Pencil.
- Ruler.
- Rubber.
- Calculator (for Mathematics and Science).
- Clear Pencil case.

On our return from half term, Heads of Year will be working with students and families for the remainder of the month to address any uniform issues.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Assistant Head teacher

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