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Dear Parents,

I have been concerned about a growing attitude and acceptance, by a small minority of our students, that school rules and expectations are not very important. All that matters is not getting caught. It is considered alright because you'll get a warning and its fine because you can just go to the next lesson, or the next teacher and get another warning; you don't have to do anything because nothing really will happen. It is perhaps, unsurprising, that when it all finally catches up with the student, there is often a conflict.






In the end we have to work towards the position where students make the right choices and decisions regarding school rules and expectations. We must provide the right framework for those decisions and we must be consistent in the application of that framework. It is important for education and education in the widest sense, that students develop self discipline and take responsibility for their actions.

I need to be explicit about rules and expectations:

-  Mobile phones and mp3 players must not be seen or heard in lessons. They must be in the bag and turned off. No excuses. No exceptions. [We are happy for phones and mp3 players to be used responsibly at breaks and lunchtimes].
-  The only jewellery acceptable is a single stud earring in each ear. No nose studs. No eyebrow bars. No flesh tunnels. No large fashion necklaces worn outside of the uniform.
-  No fashion belts.

After May 3rd all of these will be confiscated on sight in lessons and with regards to jewellery anywhere in College. Mobile phones when confiscated will include the SIM card.

Uniform

-  Excessive make up and coloured nail varnish -Students will lose break and lunchtimes to remove this. Persistent infringement will result in a detention.
-  Full and proper school uniform must be worn
-  No jeans, leggings or "jeggings"
-  Proper school shoes must be worn – no trainers
-  Skirts must be an appropriate length
-  Scarves and coats must not be worn inside the College

Items such as scarves and coats will be confiscated – on sight, no warnings. A student in trainers may go straight to the pastoral office to change into plimsolls, otherwise they will be confiscated. **After May 3rd we will send home anyone in inappropriate trousers or skirts to change.**

Where an item is confiscated we will only return it to a parent or a responsible adult with written parental permission. The second time it is confiscated we will keep it for one school day (which may include a weekend) before returning it. On a third occasion we will keep the item for a week. **This includes mobile phones.** No exceptions.

It is very important that you support us in keeping the highest expectations of our young people. I would be grateful if you could also support us by discussing these rules with your son/daughter and emphasise the importance of making the right decisions and not just trying to "get away with it".

I would also be grateful if you could ensure that students come to school properly equipped with the basics – a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.

Yours sincerely

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Principal