

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to ask for your support to help resolve a couple of issues which are giving us cause for concern at the College.

The first issue concerns the girls' uniform. Girls have the choice to wear either plain black trousers or skirts, but a minority of girls have begun wearing skirts which are inappropriate for school because they are simply too short. It is our experience that once a few students start wearing something fashionable, rather than suitable for school, many others will surely follow. We will therefore, from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, be contacting the parents or guardians of girls who are wearing very short skirts, to ask for permission for them to go home to change into more appropriate clothing. If we are unable to contact home we may isolate the girl from other students for the day.

The second issue concerns piercings. The College rules are quite clear on piercings and say that "students are permitted to wear ... a stud or plain sleeper in each ear. Nose pins are not allowed" Regrettably, this rule has not been enforced as strongly as it should have been and students have taken advantage of this. We have noticed an increase in the numbers of students who are arriving at school with unacceptable piercings. We have decided, even though your son or daughter may have been wearing nose pins, lip rings, face studs, flesh tunnel retainers and other inappropriate jewelry, that with effect from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April we will be asking students to remove inappropriate jewellery; in the case of new piercings, we will ask students to cover it up with a sticking plaster until the wound has healed. We will not be allowing students who refuse to either remove or cover up their jewellery to attend their normal lessons.

I hope you feel able to support the College over what may be a difficult few days, but which will result in a more positive, appropriate and acceptable image for the students while they are in school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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