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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware the Association has an impressive record in all matters relating to the education and development of students undertaking their Sixth Form courses. I am mindful of our continued responsibilities to the students in our care and committed to ensuring that every student is encouraged and challenged in their studies. In order to assist in this we have introduced Supervised Study onto the timetable of all Year 13 students, which will take place in the Sixth Form Study Centre or in the Library. Precise details will be explained to students in September but we are convinced that this will support the learning of each student. These are demanding times within education but I can guarantee that we will work unstintingly to ensure that your child is provided with the highest quality of education to open up opportunities within Higher Education and employment.

The Governors have asked me to draw your attention to the following points upon which they would ask for your support.

- Students in the Associated Sixth Form are required to dress in a way that conveys a smart impression, ie: for boys - collar and tie with smart and appropriately worn dark trousers and shoes; and for girls a shirt with smart trousers or skirt and shoes. Jeans of any colour are NOT an acceptable form of trouser. I am conscious that as a school we are preparing young people to make positive choices as they move towards adulthood and to that end I must ask for compliance with these requirements in a way that is appropriate for young people as they move around and between the schools. Sixth Form students are role models for younger pupils; we realise that the dress code has not been observed well in the later stages of Year 12 but students should be made aware that we shall be implementing a rigorous enforcement of the dress code for all Sixth Form students from September. Further guidance on appropriate dress code can be found in the Sixth Form section of the school website.
- A full safety audit has been undertaken within the school and all Sixth Form students are required to wear lanyards with an identification badge that will be used to access the building at times other than at change-over of lessons as well as to purchase food in the Café. This policy is vitally important in relation to the safety and well-being of all students who attend the school and action will be taken against any student who does not comply.
- Attendance at all lessons is obviously a vital component of academic success in the Sixth Form and a recent survey of student opinion also identified truancy control as an important issue. For this reason we are introducing a tighter policy related to attendance and any student whose attendance in lessons falls below 90% will be subject to the requirements of this policy, which will be explained to students in September.
- I am aware that many students wish to use cars/motorbikes to come to school and whilst I cannot object to this I must stress that the cars are parked off-site and NOT used to travel between sites. I would also stress that vehicles should be parked in an appropriate and legal manner sensitive to the needs of local residents, ie not blocking entrance/exit to property, recognising the need for emergency vehicles to travel quickly and safely down any road and responding politely to requests made by householders or members of the public. Students bringing a vehicle to school must register the vehicle with the Sixth Form Office as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting you over the course of the next year and of course am available at any time to discuss issues relating to your son or daughter.

Yours sincerely

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