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Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

As we approach the closing stages of the academic year, we would like to remind you of two important aspects of Sixth Form life in preparation for your student's important final year in the Association.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality in lessons provide clear indicators of a student's approach to their studies and are essential to a student's success. Students with high levels of attendance more often enjoy improved wellbeing and there is a strong correlation between attendance and academic performance as students engage effectively with Sixth Form life and lessons. In addition, the Sixth Form has a duty of care to its students and it is impossible to carry out our safeguarding responsibilities when students are missing from lessons. We hope that parents will support us by reinforcing the importance of full attendance where possible, authorising absence only when absolutely necessary and avoiding the arrangement of medical appointments during the school day.

Dress Code

We are very proud of the students in the Associated Sixth Form and of the way in which they represent themselves and our schools in the presence of younger students and in the local community. With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our dress code as this is the most visible means of students conveying a positive impression to all around them.

The Associated Sixth Form dress code is intended to be a student-friendly approach to Sixth Formers remaining smart, purposeful and ambassadorial during their school lives.

The dress code should serve the following purposes:

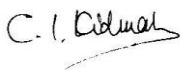
- to allow all students to be identified as members of the Associated Sixth Form, in order that the security of both sites can be maintained
- to ensure that students offer a suitable role model to younger students in the schools' communities
- to represent the Associated Sixth Form appropriately in the local area and community
- to allow students to feel comfortable yet purposeful in their studies and working relationships with staff
- to offer students an opportunity within certain parameters to begin developing their identity through what they wear, avoiding the enforced homogeneity of a uniform.

We aim to keep the principles and guidelines clear and simple, as stated in the Student Planner. There should be no jeans or denim of any colour, no combats, no tracksuit bottoms, no shorts or skorts, no hoodies (in school) or round necked sweatshirts; dresses and skirts should be of an appropriate length and fit and shoulders and midriffs should be covered - clothing should not be revealing. Where students remain unsure about the suitability of their attire, a guiding principle is that there should be an obvious distinction between what they would wear casually at weekends and what they wear for the school workplace.

We are conscious that as an Association we are preparing young people to make positive choices as they move towards adulthood: to that end we hope that our students will continue to work with us in maintaining high standards of appearance and attendance, contributing to the positive relationships and culture of achievement which characterise our Sixth Form.

With best wishes for the end of term and for a relaxing summer break.

Yours faithfully



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