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Dear Parents/Carers

In our opinion, school uniform and personal appearance play a vital role in contributing to the ethos of The Bourne Academy and setting the appropriate tone and standard. Furthermore, a smart appearance is essential in most workplaces and we aim to prepare our students for the world of work. The majority of our students wear the correct uniform with pride. However, current fashions do, sometimes, negatively influence a minority of students.

For clarification, our uniform suppliers are Stevensons in Southbourne. As you are aware, **from September 2015 our school skirt changed to a regulation skirt, with pink piping, which can ONLY be purchased through Stevensons. This means that ALL new Year 7 and CURRENT Year 7 girls (going into Year 8) will be in regulation skirts. Alternatively, girls and boys trousers are also available from Stevensons**. For current Year 8, 9 and 10 students, (going into Year 9,10,11) a standard plain black skirt is also available should you have any doubt as to what skirt or trousers are appropriate.

Our uniform policy and student planner are very clear about our expectations for uniform. They set out clearly that only “natural” make-up and hair colour, with only one pair of stud earrings and a watch, is permitted. Furthermore, visible facial piercings and stretcher earrings are **not allowed** and students will be asked to remove them, this includes retainers. The policy goes on to say that **coloured nail varnish will not be tolerated and only plain black socks/tights and shoes (with NO coloured decoration or logos) will be allowed.** Please see our Uniform and Equipment Policy on the website or page 17 of the planner for a full list of what is acceptable.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Head of House, in the first instance, with any questions or advice regarding your child’s uniform or appearance. However, we reserve the right to determine what is and what is not acceptable.

We expect parents/carers to support us on all issues regarding uniform.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Avoth

Principal