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Dear Parent/Carer

The Wells Academy Uniform Expectations

As the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the Academy's uniform policy and ask that you continue to support us, where necessary, in procuring the correct uniform for your son/daughter. As you are aware, our standards at The Wells Academy are high and it is these standards that deliver the strong culture and behaviour that allow our students to learn and make progress.

At the start of the year, we reinforced our uniform expectations and the vast majority of students look immaculate every day. However, a significant amount of both student care and teachers time is spent dealing with students failing to meet our uniform expectations.

Can I please request that over the Christmas break you check that your child has the correct uniform and that it meets our uniform standards and expectations. To help you do this, please refer to the copy of our revised uniform policy below:

Please note that we have made changes to what students are allowed to wear in their ears, nose and what we will not accept in relation to hair, nails and make-up.

Academy uniform	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Academy blazer ✓ Academy jumper ✓ White shirt with top button done up ✓ Academy tie done up to the collars ✓ Plain black trousers (off the leg, not skinny style) or formal school skirt that's down to the knees. ✓ Plain, black formal school shoes and plain black socks/tights (No trainer socks allowed)
Inappropriate uniform (what we will not accept)	
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Canvas shoes or trainers ✗ Open front shoes ✗ Boots unless worn underneath trousers

Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Skinny/tight fit <i>This is a particular issue for girls and these trousers cannot be skin tight either across the whole leg or at the thigh.</i> ✗ Elastic/legging/lycra based ✗ Cropped/showing shins or ankles <i>This is a particular issue for girls which, along with short socks, show ankles</i> ✗ Turned up legs ✗ Visible zips ✗ Denim rivets or studs
Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ More than a credit card away from the knee ✗ Tight fit, Lycra based, skater style skirts ✗ Embroidery, patterns or ridges
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ White or coloured socks ✗ Trainer socks or socks with frills ✗ Any short socks which show ankles
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Any extreme styles/colour (including shaved patterns and any unnatural hair colours)
Make Up/Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Heavy make-up ✗ Acrylic or gel nail extensions. ✗ Bright eye shadow
Piercings	<p>Ear Piercings: <u>Students CAN wear one pair of small studs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No multiple ear piercings ✗ No hooped earrings ✗ Hanging earrings ✗ All other types of ear piercings ✗ Ear stretchers/Ear Expanders <p>Nose Piercings: <u>Students CAN wear a small stud in their nose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Nose rings ✗ Septum Piercings <p>Facial Piercings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ <i>Any existing unacceptable piercings need to be removed regardless of when the piercings have been done (Any other facial piercings are not permitted).</i>

We keep our expectations as clear as possible to assist you in making the appropriate choices when purchasing new school uniform.

Face masks

All students must wear a face mask in areas of the school where social distancing is difficult. This is part of our policy and needs to be adhered to by all. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parent/carers that it is your responsibility to ensure your child/children bring and wear their face masks at school (unless your child is medically exempt). Please ensure your child brings a face mask to school every day. Please note, if your child/children fail to bring a face mask to school the Academy will not be providing replacements.

Starting Tuesday 5th January 2021, we will continue to carry out daily uniform checks. Should a student's uniform, piercings or make up not meet our policy or expectations then they will be isolated until the issue can be resolved.

Equipment

One of our learning habits is to be 'Ready to Learn' and we encourage and expect all our students to have and bring to school the right equipment every day.

Every student must have the following equipment:

- 2 x blue/black pens
- 1 x pencil
- 2 x green pens
- 1x 30cm ruler
- 1x eraser
- 1x glue stick
- 2x highlighters (two different colours)
- 1x pencil case
- 1x pencil sharpener

You can buy the required equipment individually or as a pack for £1.90p by ordering through Parent Pay and then letting your child's tutor know. **Please ensure your child brings to school every day all the required equipment so they are ready to learn and can make progress.**

We ask for parents/carers to give their full support in helping us to achieve our high standards. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Shepherd
Proud to be Principal of The Wells Academy

