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Subject: Friday Uniform Issues, PE and Vocational Study

Dear Parent, Guardian or Carer,

I am writing to you to clarify the school's expectations of students in relation to Friday timetables, uniform and standards of behaviour.

Please remember that on alternate Fridays each year group (Y11 A Week and Y10 B week) is not due in school until 9.45am.

Personal Protective Equipment (where required) is part of the school uniform policy, and it is the student's responsibility to provide it and to make sure that they bring it to school with them.

Similarly, having appropriate PE kit is part of the school uniform policy and again, it is the student's responsibility to make sure they are properly equipped to do PE on the days that it is on their timetable (Y10 A week and Y11 B week).

With immediate effect, any student that does not have the appropriate PPE or PE kit will be asked to go home to collect it (unless it can be delivered to the school). Failure to return to the school will result in the student being marked absent for that day.

Participation in PE forms part of the National Curriculum and the school has a legal obligation to provide PE as part of the timetable. Illness or injury are the only acceptable reasons for a student to not participate in PE lessons, and the school needs to be notified in writing if a student is unable to take part either through illness or injury that week.

Finally, the school works very closely with our college partners to provide vocational courses for our students. Vocational study takes place in industry-standard workshops where there are a lot of materials, resources, tools and equipment. As a result, we expect behaviour in this environment to reflect that expected in the workplace or if the student was in college or on an apprenticeship.

For safety reasons, behaviour that does not meet these standards cannot be tolerated in vocational areas and any student who fails to comply with these standards will be asked to leave the workshop and issued with a fixed term exclusion for the remainder of the day as a minimum. The same sanction will apply to any student that refuses to engage with vocational study.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I hope it helps clarify the situation and helps avoid any future mis-understandings.

Kind Regards,

Mr G Dixon
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