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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

Re: College Expectations 2016-17

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year and wish you an enjoyable holiday period, for those fortunate enough to be able to have time together as a family.

It has been a successful first year as an 11-16 school at Brockington. We have been extremely busy adjusting to taking on a further year group, with the new classrooms, members of staff and curriculum that are inevitably required. However, I am delighted with the response from members of staff and pupils alike to this challenge.

The next academic year is even more important to us as a college. We will fully become an 11-16 school, when we are joined by our new Year 7 pupils and will have our first ever Year 11 cohort, with final GCSE exams taking place in May and June 2017. To facilitate this, we also welcome a new cohort of staff to the college.

I am sure that you appreciate that we wish to provide the best possible learning environment for all pupils at the college, so that everyone can flourish. In order to do this, we have some basic expectations of pupils, which, if adhered to, will enable us all to focus on learning within the classroom. You will not be surprised at what these factors are and they are all included within the [Home/School Agreement](#), which all parents/carers and pupils have signed. To ensure clarity before the start of the new academic year, I will lay out these expectations below:

College Uniform

As members of staff at the college, we do not wish to waste learning time through discussions with pupils about non-school uniform items. However, we are not prepared to allow standards to diminish and will require all pupils to adhere to the school [Uniform Policy](#).

In particular, I would remind pupils (especially current Year 9 and Year 10 girls) that:

- Skirts must be at least mid-thigh length and not tight to the body
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch and one small stud earring in each ear lobe
- Footwear must be all black

We have provided details of skirts and trousers that are acceptable for wearing at school (page 2 of the Uniform Policy) and would respectfully ask that if buying non-recommended skirts or trousers that you check first with the relevant Head of Year and/or retain the receipt in the event that the college deems the skirts/trousers not to conform to the Uniform Policy.

Equipment for College

The following items are the minimum required for daily use. Indeed, pupils will be required to have specialist equipment for certain subjects, particularly in Year 10 and Year 11:



Diocese of
Leicester



Eco-Schools



Healthy Schools
LEICESTERSHIRE



SPORT
ENGLAND



Living the Olympic
and Paralympic Values

- Full PE kit (page 3 of the Uniform Policy)
- Wallet to carry equipment and books
- Locker key
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Coloured pencils
- Set of unbranded ear buds or headphones

Behaviour at College

We expect pupils to behave well and have a range of rewards to recognise good behaviour. However, we also have a Behaviour Policy that lays out how members of staff will respond to inappropriate behaviour at college. There will be a [new Behaviour Policy](#) in place from the start of the academic year, which will be explained to all pupils in assemblies at the start of the new school year, however I would recommend that parents/carers and pupils read this policy over the holiday period.

The policy has been designed to encourage good behaviour by all pupils; to make pupils accountable as soon as possible in the case of misbehaviour; to make pupils accountable to the member of staff for whom they misbehaved and to involve parents/carers when misbehaviour occurs. All members of staff at the college will apply and support the new Behaviour Policy.

As part of the new Behaviour Policy, pupils should be aware that chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks and oversize chocolate bars/bags of crisps are all banned from the school site. These items will be confiscated and, along with littering, will result in a detention being issued to pupils.

Alongside the ban on these items, there will be new menus produced by our catering team, which will reflect an improvement in the provision of healthier food at the school.

Homework

Obviously, we expect pupils to complete work at school and at home to the best of their ability. In order to help pupils with their homework and to allow parents/carers to check homework, the college has invested in a new software package known as '[Show My Homework](#)'. This will allow pupils and parents/carers to check homework for completion through the Internet and has been used successfully in many schools.

I appreciate that the majority of our pupils already conform to our expectations and that they are supported by the majority of our parents/carers. Consequently, I look forward to your support continuing in line with the expectations within this letter, so that all pupils can benefit from a full focus on learning within the classroom.

Yours sincerely



Mr Chris Southall
Principal