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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: College Uniform Expectations**

I hope that everyone has had a peaceful and relaxing break over the festive period, with the chance to spend some important time together as a family.

Many of you will have already returned to work after the holiday and as you will be aware, the pupils return to Brockington College on Tuesday 9 January. We look forward to receiving them and know that there is a busy term ahead for all pupils.

In order to get the best for your child at school, I would like the members of staff at the school to be able to focus completely on how they can support your children to achieve their potential. However, to achieve this, there are a few basic requirements that are the minimum expectations for all pupils. Many pupils regularly get these basics right and are making good progress as a result. However, I would really appreciate your support in taking the time to discuss each of the following requirements with your child/children and to insist that they keep to these standards in the new term:

**Uniform:** Our uniform code is well known to pupils and I wrote to you before the start of last term to clarify expectations. Please insist that your child/children comply fully with the policy. Please note that nail varnish and false nails are not allowed, nor jewellery beyond a small stud in each ear and a small nose stud for pupils in Years 9 – 11. Skirts must be fully pleated and to a minimum length of 18 inches.

**Attendance:** Other than for exceptional reasons, pupils need to be at school every day. We know from Year 11 last year that academic progress was highest for the highest attenders and lowest for the lowest attenders. Outstanding results require outstanding attendance.

**Punctuality:** Being late for school or lessons results in learning time lost and is discourteous to others. Those making good progress do not arrive late.

**Equipment:** Obviously all pupils need to be fully equipped for all lessons. This relies upon having a full pencil case of writing equipment, including maths equipment and a calculator.

**Attitude to learning:** Every report home includes an attitude to learning grade for each subject because this is such a key element of success at school. We know that if attitude to learning grades are high, then your child will be successful. Very simply, attitude to learning relies upon all the factors mentioned above alongside behaviour, effort and homework.

Please do take the time to re-emphasise these essential matters to your child/children before their return to school and I look forward to continuing to work together towards their future success.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Southall  
Principal

