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Subject: Update on Sixth Form Dress Code and Expectations

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you following recent adjustments to the Sixth Form dress code, which have been made following valuable feedback from our student voice. These updates intended to promote a more comfortable and practical attire whilst still maintaining a standard that reflects the values of our school community.

While we have made some positive changes, it is important to remind you of a few key guidelines that remain in place to ensure the Sixth Form students set the appropriate tone, particularly in front of younger students. A smart-casual approach can be adopted by all sixth-form students but there some exceptions to this rule. Specifically:

- Hoodies, jogging bottoms, and sportswear are not permitted as they are not considered suitable for a school environment. Exceptions are made where students need to wear this type of clothing for their curriculum lessons.
- Ear pods should not be worn when moving around the building and in areas with the lower school, and the use of mobile phones is restricted in areas where lower school students are present to support our safeguarding practices.

We expect all Sixth Formers to uphold a standard of conduct that reflects our school's ethos of respect and professionalism in the same way as our staffing body. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations with your son or daughter to ensure that our Sixth Formers continue to serve as role models within the school.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mr N Dangerfield Deputy Head of Sixth Form