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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Importance of Uniform Standards and Compliance

As we approach the end of this first term, I would like to take a moment to address an important matter concerning our students' uniform. At Kingstone, we take great pride in maintaining a high standard of appearance, and our uniform policy plays a significant role in fostering a positive learning environment. It not only instills a sense of belonging, but also helps prepare students for their future roles in the wider community.

Regrettably, the length of skirts for some students is inconsistent with our uniform guidelines. We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child's uniform adheres to these standards, including the appropriate length of skirts. Our uniform policy is clear: skirts should be knee length, navy and of a material that is not tight fitting. This consistency not only upholds the school's values but also contributes to a positive atmosphere for learning.

Furthermore, I would like to remind all parents and students of our jewellery policy. While we understand the importance of self-expression, we must maintain a uniform standard across the school. Students are not permitted to wear any jewellery, with the exception of one small stud in each ear. Nose studs and hooped earrings are not allowed, and students will be asked to remove them promptly should they be observed wearing such items. False nails are also a growing concern to us. We must emphasise that these do not adhere to our uniform policy and in some cases can pose a risk to the child's safety and the safety of others.

We understand that there may be challenges for some families in meeting uniform requirements, and we want to assure you that support is available. If you find that providing the correct uniform poses financial difficulties, we encourage you to reach out to your child's pastoral leader. Our school is committed to working collaboratively with parents to explore possible solutions and provide the necessary assistance. It is essential to emphasise that a well-maintained uniform is a reflection of our shared commitment to creating a positive and respectful learning environment. By working together to uphold these standards, we ensure that each student feels valued and ready to engage fully in their educational journey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your ongoing support in maintaining the high standards we have set at Kingstone. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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