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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

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Reference: High Expectations

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on our school uniform.

What are our expectations?

We are really proud of our community at Poynton High School; the young people, staff and our parents and carers are all part of what makes our school so special. We want to ensure that all of our students share in that sense of pride and show this every day through the way that they dress and the values that underpin their conduct and attitude. We are therefore resetting our high expectations around uniform after half term. No changes are being made to the uniform policy, but we recognise that a number of our students have not been wearing their uniform correctly and after half term we expect all students to get this right. Therefore, from Monday 3rd June, all of our students must attend school in full, correct uniform, as per our uniform policy (which can be found here:

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/aboutus/schooluniform>). Students should arrive to school everyday wearing:

- The Poynton High School blazer
- A blue (KS3) or white (KS4) shirt
- A Poynton High School tie
- Black trousers or a Poynton High School navy pleated skirt, which is to be worn so that the badge is visible
- Black leather or leather look shoes
- Students may wear tights or ankle socks
- Students **may** wear one set of stud earrings – no other piercings or jewellery is permitted
- Students **may** wear a navy V-neck jumper or pullover – this could be plain or with the school badge

Why does uniform matter?

We know that our students will respond to this resetting of our high expectations around uniform. The school uniform is important because it unites us as a community, promotes equality and inclusivity and ensures that the focus is on learning. It also supports our students to be in the best frame of mind to engage in their lessons and get the most out of their learning.

We have listened to student feedback and made some changes to uniform this year, which have been agreed by our school governors. Students can now wear coats in the building but not in lessons or form time. Students have always had the option to wear a school jumper;

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we have now said this does not have to have a badge and will allow a plain, navy blue V-neck jumper to be worn.

What happens if a student is not wearing the correct uniform?

Therefore, if a student does not attend in full, correct uniform they will be asked to correct it with the supplies we have in school. If they are unable to correct their uniform with the stock we have school, for example if they are wearing incorrect shoes, they will be unable to attend lessons or social times with their peers until their uniform is corrected and will instead complete their work separately. This is to ensure that all of our students are dressed correctly at all times and in the best frame of mind for learning. Please be aware that ties can be purchased from Miss Booth in school for £7.50, on a first come first served basis, and from the Evolve shop. Students will be asked to remove jewellery should they wear it to school. The uniform stock in school will be given to students on a first come first served basis, and they will be asked to return it the next day.

We believe this is really important and appreciate your support in advance impressing upon your young people the importance of wearing their uniform correctly.

Kind regards

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