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Dear Parents and Carers

I'm writing to express my sincere thanks for your support in ensuring our students are so well presented this year in their new uniform. It has been a real pleasure to see them come into school each day looking so smart and ready to learn.

As a reminder, our uniform consists of:

- A **black sweater** with the BFA logo
- A **year-specific tie**
- A **white shirt or blouse**
- **Black tailored school trousers**
- **Black socks**
- **Black shoes or trainers (see below for more information)**
- **A black bag which is large enough for PE kit and planner plus homework distributed**

We'd also like to clarify that leggings and flares are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn. Students will be asked to change trousers that are tighter in the leg and flared at the bottom. Wide legged trousers will also not be acceptable.

Footwear Policy

Following feedback from students and their parents, we updated our footwear policy. Students are permitted to wear **plain black trainers** or **plain black shoes**. To be clear, all footwear must be **entirely black** with no other colours whatsoever. This includes soles, logos, and laces. Shoes which are sparkly will also not be permitted.

The following types of footwear are **not permitted**:

- Crocs (even if they are plain black)
- White or coloured trainers
- Trainers with white soles
- Trainers with coloured logos or laces
- Trainers with rhinestones or gemstones on them
- Boots of any kind (unless for medical or surgical reasons)
- Sandals or backless shoes or shoes with any type of heel

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We recommend that shoes are sensible and reasonably priced.

If you still wish to purchase more expensive, branded trainers, please refer to the images provided below to ensure they will be accepted by the school. If you are unsure, please contact your student's Year Manager to seek additional assistance with this.

For uniform and footwear issues students will be given the opportunity to correct and change their uniform. If students do not correct the issue, they will be taken to Seclusion.

Hair and Jewellery

To ensure that we further raise and drive standards for uniform, from Monday November 3rd we will also be enforcing other parts of the uniform policy.

To maintain a consistent and professional appearance, students should only have natural hair colours and no extreme haircuts.

When it comes to jewellery, students may wear a wristwatch and one pair of small studs in their ears. However, no other is allowed- particularly not chunky bracelets, chains or necklaces. Students are also not allowed to wear large rings-this is a safety issue. Students with pierced ears may wear one pair of small, plain gold or silver studs (one stud per ear in the lower lobe). Looped earrings are not permitted- again, this is a safety issue. Please note that facial or other body piercings are not acceptable. Facial piercings can be kept only if there is a spacer used. Please see the images attached below to see examples of jewellery that is not acceptable. Please support us by ensuring your child does not come into school with this jewellery on.

Students will be asked to remove jewellery that does not meet the uniform policy. Students who refuse to do this will be taken to Seclusion after the Monday 3rd November.

Your partnership in maintaining our high standards is invaluable. A smart, consistent uniform helps to create a sense of community and pride within our school, and it sets a positive tone for the school day.

Thank you once again for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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Dominic Schack
Vice Principal: Behaviour, Attitudes and Attendance

Footwear

Acceptable footwear		Not acceptable	
			Has white markings on
			Non-black sole and logo
			Non-black sole, visible coloured inside, coloured logo
			Red stripe, white writing
			Grey stripes, coloured sole – must be black
			Toes should be fully covered, no heels
	Silver tags from laces have been removed		Coloured stripe on back, white soles, coloured writing
			Rhinestones/gems are the issue
			Crocs are not permitted

Jewellery

Acceptable Jewellery	Not acceptable
 <p data-bbox="485 584 759 656">One wristwatch is permitted</p>	   <p data-bbox="1177 430 1469 775">No neckwear is permitted (no chunky chains/ necklaces, no necklaces outside of the shirt/ in front of the tie- these pose a health and safety issue)</p>
  <p data-bbox="485 1240 759 1312">One small stud is permitted per ear</p>	   <p data-bbox="1166 1088 1481 1433">No bangles or bracelets are permitted of any kind (this includes friendship bands, cause bands or any other wristwear other than the permitted watch)</p>
	  <p data-bbox="1161 1570 1485 1715">No rings are permitted. These are a health and safety issue.</p>