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Jewellery and Makeup

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to remind parents/guardians of the published rules with regard to jewellery and makeup in School, along with some additional guidance and clarification. The intention is that the end of term will provide a timely opportunity to resolve anything that contravenes this guidance and that students return appropriately attired and clear about our expectations at the start of next term. These rules apply to all students and are in place to ensure there is consistent and safe working practice in School.

The rules, as published on the website, state:

- Girls may wear one pair of small "sleeper" or stud earrings on the earlobes. No other jewellery of any kind is allowed; it will be confiscated.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings in school, whilst attending school functions or on school visits.
- The use of plasters to cover ear piercing is not permissible.
- Body piercing is not permissible and no items of jewellery may be worn in school, whilst attending school functions or on school visits.
- Tattoos are not permissible.
- Make-up or nail varnish is not to be worn.

This means that hooped/dangly earrings and cartilage earrings (those in other parts of the ear than the lobe) are **not permissible.**

In addition, all jewellery should be **removed** for any physical activities including PE/games lessons; specifically earrings must be removed (not covered with tape) to avoid risk of accident and injury. As such, parents and students are asked to consider the timings of any new piercings carefully in relation to the time required for safe removal – the school recommends the start of the summer holiday to avoid missing any PE lessons.

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Sixth Form

The Sixth Form students are regarded as role models and therefore, whilst it is recognised that the rules are applied with a degree of leniency, they are expected to look smart and represent the values of the school. Mr Fell has provided them with guidance about this but they must still follow the rules with regard to PE.

Students will be reminded of these expectations at the start of next term but it is anticipated that you will be able to support us by ensuring that any issues are resolved. If you are in any doubt about the removal of some piercings you are advised to contact your GP in the first instance and, if you feel that there is anything that the School needs to know related to this letter, then please contact the relevant head of school or me at the earliest opportunity.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher











