

## **Ivybridge College Standards and Expectations Reminder**

We wished to write to you prior to the summer holiday to share some key information in relation to the "Standards and Expectations" for uniform and equipment in preparation September.

As well as enjoying a break with your children, you will no doubt be looking forward to the annual trip to the shops to source uniform and school shoes! However, before you make this trip please could you take the opportunity to remind yourself of the key parts of the College's uniform policy. The intention of this is to ensure the avoidance of any unnecessary failures of students to meet the College uniform expectations, and also avoid possible confrontations at the start of, and throughout, the term with students attending College not dressed in accordance with the College's Uniform Policy.

We take pride in the professional appearance and dress of our students and it is a College requirement that all our students wear the full College uniform correctly at all times. Parents/carers and student cooperation is essential if we are to maintain this high standard. Students who are not correctly dressed in September (and throughout the year) will receive sanctions in accordance with the College consequence system, and so we would very much appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is sent to College correctly dressed. Otherwise, staff time is spent challenging uniform which distracts from our principle purpose of high quality Teaching and Learning.

Following parental feedback we have produced a brochure that provides further clarity about various aspects of the uniform and dress code. This can be found on the College website. Please use this [link](#). We would like to draw your attention to some specific areas that have been highlighted through the Parent Forum as areas that require further clarification:

### **Hairstyles**

Hairstyles must be well groomed, neat and of a natural colour. Extreme forms of hairstyles are not permitted and extreme fashions must be avoided i.e. tramlines or mullets. No less than a grade 2 faded at the sides is permitted. Use of hair dye to achieve an unnatural, two-toned or bleached look is not permitted i.e. balayage, dip dye or extreme colours.

In order to clarify this we have included some examples via the brochure [link](#) of non-permitted hairstyles: p.4

### **School shoes**

Sensible, black formal, flat shoes (leather or patent shoes that can be polished only and not leather trainers e.g. Converse/Vans). Boots, canvas shoes or trainers are not permitted.

School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had occasions this year where parents/carers have spent a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not meet

the expectations set out in the College's policy. Please be aware that we have been informed by parents that many retail outlets promote trainer like shoes as being 'school shoes'. In our view, footwear of this type is not formal and is consequently not appropriate for our College.

We have also experienced occasions where parents/carers inform the College that their child cannot wear sensible, black formal, flat shoes for medical reasons. If this is the case this will require the support of a medical letter. Without a medical letter, we will enact the College uniform and behaviour policies.

Again, in order to clarify this we have posted some sample images via the brochure [link](#) of suitable and unsuitable examples: p.5

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery is not permitted, except one small silver/gold stud earring in each lower ear lobe and a watch. No other piercings are permitted. No other jewellery is permitted in the interest of safety for all students. All jewellery/piercings must be removed for all Physical Education activities for Health and Safety reasons (including new piercings). Please note that the wearing of tape over piercings is not permitted for Physical Education activities.

It is important also to note that staff reserve the right to confiscate any inappropriate jewellery being worn in accordance with College policy from September.

### **Make up:**

Years 9 to 11 only students are permitted to wear subtle and natural looking make up.

Skin make up will not be considered as subtle if it leaves a mark on clothing such as the shirt sleeve or collar. Nail varnish, false nails including acrylics, and false eye lashes are not permitted.

### **Equipment**

The equipment below is compulsory to support accessing the high quality Teaching and Learning in lessons from September. **SUPER 7:** 1. Blue/black pen; 2. Purple pen; 3. Pencil; 4. Rubber; 5. Ruler; 6. Calculator; 7. KITE booklet and reading book.

We would very much like to ensure that every student has a positive start to the term and ask that by ensuring your child meets the Standards and Expectations clarified on the website and supported by this letter.

We are very proud of our College and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, being properly equipped and attending regularly supports each and every one of our students in having the very best opportunity to learn and achieve whilst also developing them for their future pathway beyond College.