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## UNIFORM & APPEARANCE – STRIKE CARD SYSTEM

Dear Parents and Carers

We believe that uniform and appearance for the vast majority students is already very good and we want to recognise this. For students that wear their uniform well without any appearance issues in a half term they will earn a House point - 6 points available per year. However, we still feel we have a little way to go for all students to return to the high levels we were used to before the pandemic. Therefore, with the new Uniform and Appearance Policy, for Year 7 to 11, starting properly from next Tuesday, e.g. skirt, grey and black socks, etc., we are introducing a new system to help with this.

It is important to say that there is no change to the consequence tariff for uniform and appearance breaches; a C1 for the first issue, a C2 for the second issue and a C3 detention for the third issue, plus every issue after that in a half term. What is changing is how we will record these infringements and log them on the EduLink One (school management system). In other words how you can monitor your child's uniform and appearance and know when any issues that may arise in this area.

### New *strike* system:

- Every student will be issued with a *strike* card at the start of each half term – *please ask you child to show you their card from next Monday to see what they look like.*
- We recommend the *strike* card is stored in their blazer's top pocket.
- If a student is stopped for a uniform or appearance issue the *strike* card is signed and dated by the member of staff, and the issue logged on the card **only**, (in no more than a word or two), before handing it back to the student. This will not appear in EduLink One for a C1 and a C2.
- If a student has three *strikes* on their card this results in an after-school C3 detention, which will be logged in EduLink One and visible to you, as will be the case for every uniform or appearance issue after this, in that half term.
- All students must have their *strike* card with them at all times in school.
- If they lose the *strike* card, or cannot produce it when asked, then it is an automatic C3 detention. **Therefore, please check the pockets of uniform garments before you put them through the wash, and please let us know immediately if the *strike* card has perished or been lost at home, for any good reason.**
- If their *strike* card is full then it is the student's responsibility to inform their Form Tutor to obtain a new card – let's trust this won't happen.
- Your child's Form Tutor will monitor your child's uniform and appearance daily and their strike card weekly, so if you have any concerns please contact them or your child's Head of Year directly.
- Every student gets a new card and fresh start every half term.

All students have been informed about the strike system earlier this week by their Form Tutor. If you think this new approach may be a challenge for your child, please make sure you speak to them and support them in making the right choices, ready for Monday. This system has been used very successfully in some other high performing schools locally and we believe it will simplify matters by helping to quickly clear these issues down, so that we can focus on our core purpose of teaching and learning, delivering high quality education.

Please support us with this new development, because we firmly believe that if we get these little things right, then the bigger ones tend to fall into place.

Kind regards



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