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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we look forward to the half term ahead, half term 4 is just 5 weeks long, and with this in mind, it is important that we keep the 'main thing' (ensuring our students make exceptional progress), the 'main thing'! In order to do this, I would ask that we work together to ensure that we waste very little time having to address the basic standards and expectations the Academy has and that all students are already aware of.

As you will be aware, all of our students are greeted every morning on the 'purple line', at this point any uniform misdemeanors are addressed so that students are dressed in-line with our uniform policy as they enter the Academy.

However, on occasion a small proportion of students are making amendments to their uniform during the day, if this occurs items that can be, will be removed from students for them to collect from our uniform cupboard at the end of the day, should this become a regular occurrence we will contact you to discuss how we can support further.

I wanted to take this opportunity to seek out your support with this and ask that you ensure your child/children are made aware of the Academy's uniform policy and in that way, they will avoid making some of the more common uniform misdemeanors that occur. These may include:

- Removal of their academy blazer - please note that students are not expected to wear blazers during the time that they are in lessons. However, they are expected to arrive in their blazer, leave in their blazer and wear it as they move around the academy.
- Sleeves **should not** be rolled up on academy blazers.
- Incorrect footwear - shoes must be **plain black** ones only.
- False eyelashes and false/painted nails are not allowed.
- Only V-neck jumpers are allowed to be worn under blazers, **no round neck jumpers are allowed**. Students should not be wearing hoodies, tracksuit tops or round-necked jumpers underneath their blazers.
- Skirts **should not** be rolled up at the waist (in order to make them shorter in length).
- Jewellery - earrings and nose piercings are not permitted. Clear, plastic 'retainer' studs are allowed to be worn to support students who have recently had a piercing.
- Jackets should have a zip up the front of them. Students **should not** wear hoodies without a zip, either underneath or over the top of their blazers.

I look forward to continuing to work with you this year as we strive to raise the standards and expectations we have here at Outwood Academy Hemsworth and transform the lives of all of our students.



Mr J Pape
Principal