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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am writing to address a matter of importance regarding the Academy's uniform expectations and in particular the wearing of false eyelashes by some students.

At Outwood Academy Hemsworth we pride ourselves on the fact that we recognise and value our student's individuality and we work hard to promote an environment where everyone feels comfortable and confident. Unfortunately, we have been made aware that due to current fashion trends some of our students have been wearing false eyelashes to school on a regular basis.

Whilst I understand that some of our students may wish to express themselves through the use of makeup and personal grooming, I must emphasise that noticeable make-up is not allowed within the Academy and that if worn it should at all times be discreet. The Academy's uniform policy very clearly states that false eyelashes are not to be worn.

Additionally, we are concerned that the application of false eyelashes can in some cases pose a risk of infection or cause a serious allergic reaction due to the adhesives used which is of course a major concern to eye health, especially if they are not applied correctly. Our overriding aim is to always ensure the safety and well-being of our students and by everyone adhering to the Academy's uniform policy this helps us maintain a healthy and respectful atmosphere for all.

Therefore, I would kindly request that students refrain from wearing false eyelashes when in the Academy. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding our policy, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Manager. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



James Pape
Principal