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Dear Parents and carers

This letter is to express our thanks for all your support regarding uniform and behaviour in school. As you know we have had a firm clamp down on uniform. We have focused on things that students often got wrong particularly piercings, footwear and hoodies. After a few pushed the boundaries initially, the number of issues we are now dealing with has now reduced to almost zero. This is brilliant news because it means we can invest further energy into ensuring learning and teaching maximises brilliant progress of our young people.

I would also like to say thanks to parents and carers for supporting our efforts to improve behaviour for learning. Our student voice team have reported that our joint efforts have paid off and that learning is now rarely interrupted by poor behaviour and when this happens students are clear about the consequences. Thanks for your support with the detention system. You will be pleased to hear that the number of students reaching C4 sanctions has reduced by half with far fewer repeat offenders.

A huge thanks for your support with good attendance. Our whole school attendance is now over 1% higher than it was this time last year. This is a significant achievement and a testimony to the way parents and carers have worked with us. There is evidence to suggest that good attendance impacts greatly on improved life chances and we are confident that this effort will improve student's GCSE outcomes.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our amazing learners in Year 11. Members of SLT are meeting on a one to one with each student over the next few weeks. We have been really pleased with the majority of students we have met with so far. Some of them have reported that they are revising for three hours each evening and spending 6-9 hours working at the weekend. We have seen huge progress in some students since their recent pre public exams. It has been a pleasure showing them how to get the most from their revision. We are confident that this renewed passion to do well will make a huge difference in their life chances. A big thanks to parents and carers for supporting Y11 students.

Yours Sincerely

Tony McCabe

