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## CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School is committed to 'High expectations, High Aspirations, High Standards – You will succeed'. Unfortunately, some of our young people are making the wrong choices about standards of uniform and we are going to tackle this. The uniform needs to be worn with pride as it is a symbol of our school. The guidance about what is and isn't acceptable is very clear in the School Handbook (Pg. 35-38) and it is also a non-negotiable. It is your responsibility to read the School Handbook and to ensure that your child is also fully aware of the rules.

I try to be very understanding as a Headteacher and give the young people the opportunities to rectify their mistakes. However, some young people are constantly making the wrong choices regarding uniform. I appreciate that some may feel that this is not going to hinder your child's education, however by choosing to send your child to this school, you sign up to what we believe in and our high standards and uniform is a part of this. Therefore, from next Monday, if your child has any incorrect uniform or has uniform missing then they will receive a standard detention, which will be for 1 hour after school. I am communicating this to you in advance so if there are issues then you can let us know and we can support you in rectifying these. The rules below are nothing new and have always been in the handbook. However, as we enter a new phase of the school's development they need to be even tighter.

### Uniform Standards which need to be adhered to:

- Skirt rolled up short above the knee is not acceptable
- Jeans are not allowed only regulation school trousers are allowed.
- Black knee socks or black tight only. Ankle socks with skirts are not permitted
- Trainers, shoes with sports logo on them or canvas shoes are not allowed
- Brightly coloured hair is not acceptable
- Heads that are shaved and have elements that are shorter than a number 1 are not permitted
- Any jewellery other than a watch is not allowed. Plaster will not be able to be worn over a piercing.
- Make-up at KS3 (Y7, 8 &9) is not permitted
- Year 10 and 11 students are allowed minimal makeup. Anything excessive will have to be removed, including very prominent sculpted eyebrows.
- Lipstick or gloss is not permitted for any year group
- False eyelashes and false nails are not permitted
- Nail polish is not permitted

### General Standards

- All students must have a bag and the correct equipment including a scientific calculator every single day. See page 37.
- Mobile/music devices and headphones are not allowed. They are to be switched off as they enter the building and turned back on when they leave the building.
- Students are allowed outdoor coats to keep warm, but they must be removed when they are in the building.



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We really do appreciate your support with this and all I want is for our students to be the best they can be in all aspects of school life and this is just a part of it. I am very proud of our students and how they look and while people should never judge, I am proud of all the positive comments that come back on how smart and well-presented our children look.

By having the foundations of high standards from the uniform it stems into high standards in all other areas as they are smart, prepared and ready to learn.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Scott-Herron'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a distinct 'Herron' at the end.

Mrs B Scott-Herron  
Headteacher