

# NEWSLETTER

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'In studying other cultures, we learn more about ourselves and our relationship to all things in this world.' - Eustace Conway

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Exams: Week One**

Thanks to a lot of people, we have made a good start. The most important thing is that exam candidates have the smoothest, least disturbed time, and they have responded well; for example, students leaving the Hall have been very respectful of other candidates on the stage who are allowed extra time due to special educational needs. Students as a whole have been very respectful, too, especially in crossing the playground. The behind-the-scenes organisation is more challenging every year, with tightened exam security demands, and increasing numbers of students with exam access arrangements and/or mental health diagnoses. On Wednesday, we had about 20% of the College doing an exam at the same time in fifteen different locations. Huge credit to our Exams Team, including the extended team of invigilators.

### So far so good !

A reminder that if an exam candidate is running late, please phone the College switchboard on 01392-461407. It might seem logical to phone Exams, but they will be setting up exam rooms and not at their desks.

Another reminder that exam room rules are stricter than school rules, with little or no room for negotiation. Unfortunately we have already had one mobile phone incident where an alarm accidentally sounded, drawing attention to the fact that it was on the student's person. An easy mistake to make.

Lower down in the Newsletter you'll find a list of pre-exam briefings being offered as an added extra by my subject colleagues. These are sessions immediately before an exam, to go over the requirements of the paper, cover some basics, and hopefully inject some last-minute confidence. We recognise that some students just want to be in their own bubble in the last hour before an exam, so these sessions are not compulsory.

Just a reminder that Year 11's last day before study leave is on Wednesday, 24th May. This is always an important "rite of passage" for students, and was sorely missed for the lockdown cohorts. From Thursday morning onwards there will be a supervised study room for Year 11 students who need or wish to remain on site; also, Year 11 and 13 teachers will be available at the time of their normal timetabled Y11/Y13 lessons up until all exams in that subject have finished.

When attending exams during study leave, students are expected to be in correct uniform for exams. They must sign in (and out) on the sheet in the Giraffe House (exam attendance registers will also be used to check attendance). If leaving during the school day, students must leave via Reception.

There will be a supervised Year 11 study room in an ICT room (mostly P7).

## **Sixth Form News**

AS and A2 sit-down exams started from Monday, with students entitled to the day prior to an exam as study leave. Students are bearing up well and have reported back some encouragingly positive reactions to papers so far.

Year 13 have their last official day in school today, with general study leave commencing from Monday onwards. To mark this transition, we will be laying on a barbecue for Year 13 on Friday lunchtime, to say farewell and wish them well.

On Wednesday this week during Tutorial, both Year 12 and Year 13 got together for a stress-busting 'friendly' game of rounders, in the beautiful sunshine. Thanks to Mr Powell for coordinating!

Arrangements for electing P16 members of the student board are underway, with expressions of interest due in with Mrs Padden by Monday 22nd May.

We plan to take all of our Post 16 applicants (current Y11s) out on a post-GCSE celebration at Tenpin, Exeter on Wednesday 21st June. We have sent a letter to all applicants and parents/carers, requesting them to RSVP via the Microsoft form if they would like to come. If they missed the Monday deadline, they may still complete the form if they would like to be included – it's not too late!

The Year 13 Prom has been fixed for Monday 26th June at Coolings in Exeter. The nominations for Prom Awards are open and we look forward to a fun evening with our departing Y13s.

### **Work Experience Forms**

These need to be given in this week, please ! This applies to both Year 10 and Year 12.

## Edulink and contacting the College

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### Contact Us - CVCC (clystvale.org)

### Attendance

Attendance is also in the news, because the government have announced £2.3m for attendance hubs in six urban areas nowhere near Devon. I've often said, any money going into education is welcome, but this is not going to touch the sides. National attendance is 90.8%, persistent absence (10 sessions or more missed) is 27%, and there is particular concern for the 100,000 "ghost children" who are simply not in schools or on anyone's radar. It's recognised that the effect of covid and lockdowns on young people's mental health (anxiety, school refusal) has been significant, and that many of the services which supported schools are stretched to breaking point.



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What's the situation here at Clyst Vale ? Overall attendance for the school year has dipped below national at 90.3%, but we have slightly fewer persistent absentees, at 26%. In other respects, we reflect the national picture: there are more students with mental health issues, and finding external support is challenging. Clearly, we will do what we can to support students, but it must be recognised that we are not medically trained or mental health experts.

Thank you all once again for your support in helping us maintain a decent attendance profile. (A little more support would be good...)

# Vaping

Vaping is in the news again. Last week Australia announced a country-wide ban, so that vapes will only be available through prescription. A UK survey indicates that 20% of 11-17 year olds have tried vaping, which is a big increase on a year ago. That would be about 200 students at Clyst Vale. In my view, this needs government regulation on age-related sales, plain packaging, no displaying of vaping products, and a re-messaging that just because vaping is better than smoking, that doesn't mean it's ok, especially if you never smoked in the first place. The risk of nicotine addiction is very real, and we all know that nicotine is a highly addictive chemical.

It's very difficult monitoring a child/student's vaping habits. Disposable vapes look like highlighters, pens, even USB sticks. It only takes a second to take a puff. Teenagers tend to be risk-takers with a rebellious streak: my generation smoked, this generation vape. As ever, good parent-child relationships are essential to determining what's going on with your child.

It's worth repeating that Clyst Vale is a no-smoking site, so vaping is not permitted anywhere in the grounds or buildings. Therefore, as far as students are concerned, vapes and vaping equipment are prohibited items and may be confiscated. Bringing prohibited items to College will result in a sanction, up to and including suspension.

## **Skirt Length**

It's that time of the year. Once again I am asking for the help of all parents and relatives, female especially but also male, over the annual issue of skirt length. Skirts can be short and ok, or too short and not ok. It's hard to explain the subtle difference, but it needs to be done; at school we ask/tell girls to roll down their waistbands, and it would be great if this could be reinforced at home. I received an e-mail [slightly edited] from a parent which makes the point well: "I was waiting to pick up my kids when 2 girls from about year 10 came past me and their skirts were so short that I could see one girl's butt cheeks and the other one's pants as well as her butt; why don't you ban skirts and move to leggings or trousers" (there are no plans to ban skirts, but girls need to be self-aware and understand that different situations, eg school, have different expectations).

Thank you

Kevin Bawn



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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** 

# **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	No permission to print
7RTM	No permission to print
8RBAT	Darcy Dixon
8RHSP	
9RSGA	Bethan Burt Jones
9RZB	Rosie Matthews
10RA0	Dilly Pepper
10RMAH	-
11RER	-
11RGG	-

# YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	Imogen Gater
7YGG	Charlotte Bennett
8YMBR	Max Osborne
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	Ella Bayley
9YSS	Freya Bayley & Bryn Matthews
10YDST	Rose Lovemore
10YSP	Oliver Hawke
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Hunter Viles
7GMN	Oliver Pratt
8GCMC	Oscar Hathaway
8GIM	Henry Woolston
9GABr	Raiki Davies
9GDH	No permission to print
10GAW	No permission to print
10GBA	Heidi Morcrette
11GHE	Killian Haylock
11GSW	No permission to print

# **CALENDAR DATES**

DATE	EVENT
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS START
25th May	Cambodia Pre-Departure Meeting (students & parents/carers). 6pm start.
31st May to 3rd June	HALF TERM
6th June	Y7 Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June	Y6 Non Feeder School Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June—Saturday 17th June	Silver Assessed Dof E
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
Thursday 29th June	Y6 New Intake Parents Evening
Friday 30th June	Y11 Prom
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days
Wednesday 5th July	Exeter College Discovery Day Y10
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July	Transition Days
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (13th July Reserve Sports Day)
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM ( Note Early finish 2pm)

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# Year 13 5-a-side football

Last Friday saw the final indoor 5-a-side game for the current Y13.

Attended brilliantly as always the sides were drawn up, largely arbitrarily or perhaps by shirt colour, allegiance or friendship groups! Over the last two years we have seen many fabulous performances, Sam's trickery, Tom's charging runs to nowhere, Oscar's heroics in goal, Alex's even greater heroics in goal and Lara's tippy-tappy Arsenal style football. Thankfully the year has passed with no blood shed and plenty of happy memories. Recreational 5-a-side should welcome all and be played with humour and support to those less skilled. The teaching staff do just this after school and I hope many will join in any kick-abouts they come upon, whether at their University or place of work. It is a great method for socialisation and a cathartic release for many.

A couple of awards have been voted on and will be presented at the Y13 Prom!



# 2023 Pre Exam Student Briefing Sessions Year 11

#### **Key Reminders for Students Taking Exams**

- If you have an exam, you wait in the playground/outside the exam room 10-15 minutes before the start time.
- · You only go to registration if you do not have an exam at that time.
- Remember that exam room rules are much stricter than school rules, and usually there are no excuses.
- Equipment: black pens and spares, pencils, ruler, eraser, full maths/science equipment (calculator when allowed, protractor, compass). Clear pencil case.
- No labels on water bottles which must be see-through.
- No watches, no internet-enabled devices, no smartphones.
- · Coats and hoodies even leavers' hoodies are not permitted in the exam rooms.
- No sweets or gum (exception for health reasons).
- Students in the Hall will leave coats and bags in the changing rooms which will be locked.
- · Full, proper College uniform expected
- When leaving your exam, remember others may not have finished (so don't gather in the playground !)

Subject	Exam	Tier (if any)	Date (s)	Time	Room (s)	Teacher (s)
RS	GCSE	-	15 <sup>th</sup> May	0800	HU1	ZB
Combined Science	Biology 1	F & H	16 <sup>th</sup> May	No briefing, see teachers in lessons Monday		
Biology	Paper 1	F&H	16 <sup>th</sup> May	0800		
English Literature	GCSE	2	17 <sup>th</sup> May	0830	English	VO/English Team
PE	GCSE	) ×	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Lunch	PE5	AMB
History	GCSE	Medicine	18th May	0830	HU7	SJ
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	19th May	0800	MA2	TM
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	19th May	0800	MA1	GT
Maths	GCSE	Higher	19th May	0815	MA3	AT
Maths	GCSE	Higher	19th May	0800	MA7	PN
Maths	GCSE	Higher	19th May	0800	MA4	MP
Computer Science	GCSE	Paper 1 (python)	19 <sup>th</sup> May	12.15	IT3 or 5	ABA/AWO

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Chemistry	Paper 1	F&H	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	0830-0850	Sc5	MS
Combined Science	Chemistry 1	F & H	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	0830-0850	Sc7	GG
Geography	GCSE	Paper 1	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1225	HU3	ZKH
French Listening & Reading	GCSE	Both	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	0830	MF2	STS/CMC
RS	GCSE	Paper 2	23rd May	12.30	HU2	ZB
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Computer Science	GCSE	Paper 2 (data rep)	25 <sup>th</sup> May	1215	IT3 or 5	ABA/AWO
Combined Science	Physics 1	F&H	25 <sup>th</sup> May	0830-0850	Sc1	DF
Physics	Paper 1	F&H	25 <sup>th</sup> May	0830-0850	Sc5	AO

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English Language	GCSE	-	5 <sup>th</sup> June	0830	English	VO/English Team
French Writing	GCSE	Both	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Lunch	MF2	STS/CMC
Spanish Listening & Reading	GCSE	Both	6 <sup>th</sup> June	0820	MF4	CMC/DJO
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> June	0800	MA8	MB
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> June	0800	MA5	BA
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> June	0800	MA2	TM
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> June	0800	MA1	GT
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History	GCSE	Elizabeth/ American West	7 <sup>th</sup> June	1225	HU7	MN
PE	GCSE	-	8 <sup>th</sup> June	0830	PE5	AMB
Geography	GCSE	Paper 2	9 <sup>th</sup> June	0800	HU3	ZKH
Combined Science	Biology 2	F & H	9 <sup>th</sup> June	1230-1250	Sc1	TBC
Biology	Paper 2	F & H	9 <sup>th</sup> June	1230-1250	Sc5	CM

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Geography	GCSE	Paper 3	16 <sup>th</sup> June	1225	HU8	LT
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# CVCC Inter School Touch Rugby World Cup (Years 7-10):

Boys Tournament: W/C June 26-30

Girls Tournament: W/C July 3-7

# **By Invitation Only**

X5/6 Teams per School= 16 teams in total

A member of staff to manage/oversee each team from same school

X8 Boys X8 Girls from each School/Year to be involved

Y12 Sports Studies Students to officiate

Group Stages: x1 game on Monday Lunchtime

x2 games on Tuesday Lunchtime

Quarter Finals: Wednesday Lunchtime

Semi Finals: Thursday Lunchtime

Final/Bronze Medal Matches: Friday Lunchtime

MORE INFORMATION TO BE POSTED SOON

# Looking to start or change your career?



Come along to our Open Day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 2.00pm until 5.30pm

# Plumbing

Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty

**Business Sectors & Retail** 

Construction

Electrical

Traineeships

# Commercial

Find out about our Apprenticeships, Traineeships and industry specific courses. Try for yourself with tasters from plumbing to retail. Talk to our experienced team, look around and find out what we have on offer. All welcome – school/college leavers, parents, employers, advisers and adults wanting to retrain. Easy access to the centre – just a 10 minute walk from Newcourt Train Station Free refreshments and ample free parking on site For more information contact Alberto Pitocco 01392 437373

> www.pgltraining.com Alberton.pitocco@pgltraining.com PGL Training, Clyst Works, Clyst Road, Exeter, EX3 0DB



# Directions to PGL Training





Leave the M5 at Junction 30 and follow the signs for Exmouth/A376.

Clyst Road is immediately on the right; <u>however</u> you must travel to the next roundabout and return prior to turning left into Clyst Road. PGL Training is located approximately 600 metres along the road on the right.

PGL Training Clyst Works, Clyst Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0DB Telephone: 01392 437373 Fax: 01392 437370 Email: enquiries@pgltraining.com

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# LUNCH-CLUBS¶

Dayit	Club¤	Time#	Where¤	Changing-Room#	Teacher#
Monday¤	Film-Club#	Lunchtime#	HU2¤	¤	Mrs-Harrison#
Monday¤	Chess-Club¤	Lunchtime¤	Library¤	¤	Mrs-Crawford¤
Monday¤	Year-9-13Badminton#	Lunchtime#	Sports-Hall¤	Sports-Hall¤	Mr·Powell¤
Monday¤	Year-10-11Softball¤	Lunchtime#	Field¤	Ħ	Mr-Pearce¤
Monday#	Year-7,8-&-9Cricket#	Lunchtime#	Top·Field¤	Ħ	Mr·Stapleton#
Monday¤	D-&-T-Club¤	Lunchtime¤	DT1¤	¤	Mr·White¤
Tuesday¤	Trailblazers	Lunchtime#	HU7¤	Ħ	Miss-Nash¤
Tuesday¤	Ten·Tors/DofEcommencing·after· Half·Term¤	1.30pm·to·2.10pm¤	MA8#	Щ. Д	Miss-Barratt/Mr-Eales
Tuesday#	Amnesty-Club#	1.30pm-to-2.10pm#	EN7#	H	Miss-Watt#
Tuesday¤	Choir¤	Lunchtimes#	PA2w/c-6 <sup>th</sup> -Feb¤	<b>X</b>	Mr-Hawkinst
Tuesday¤	KS4/KS5-Work-Experience-&-Careers- Drop-Ing	Lunchtime¤	Careers-Base#	Ŭ	Miss-Bennett¤
Tuesday¤	Year-8-&-9Tchuckball¤	Lunchtime#	Sports-Hall¤	Sports·Hall¤	Mr.Powell-&-Miss-Hal
Tuesday¤	Week-BYr 7/8/9Science-Club¤	Lunchtime¤	SC4p	Ŭ	Dr·Odunlade/Mrs· Spencer/Mr·Ferret#
Tuesdayø	GCSE-Art-&-Photography-Catch-Up-t	Lunchtime#	AR2/IT4¤	<b>1</b>	Mrs·Waltona
Wednesdaya	Week-BLGBTQ+-Group¤	Lunchtimen	HU4¤	ц.	Mr-Zimblerg
Wednesday¤	Week-AEco-Committeen	Lunchtime#	HU4¤	H.	Mr-Zimblem
Wednesday¤	Yr-11-Theory-Catch-Up#	Lunchtime#	DT3¤	Ħ	Mrs-Crook#
Wednesday¤	Year-11-GCSE-PE-Revision/Catch-Up#	Lunchtime#	IT1but-PE5-from-Feb#	Ħ	Mrs-Broomfield¤
Wednesday¤	Year-7-&-8Badminton¤	Lunchtime¤	Sports-Hall¤	Sports·Hall¤	Mr·Powell-&-Michael Rothery¤
Wednesday¤	Year-11-GCSE-PE-Workshop#	Lunchtime#	PE5¤	¤	Mrs-Broomfield¤
Thursday¤	History-Club¤	Lunchtime#	HU7¤	Ħ	Miss-Nash¤
Thursday¤	Week-A	Lunchtime#	DT3¤	д Д	Mrs-Crook#
Thursday#	Week-B	Lunchtime#	DT3¤	<b>X</b>	Mrs-Crook#
Thursday¤	Debate-Society¤	Lunchtime¤	HU2¤	¤	Mrs·Harrison¤
Thursday¤	Year-11-Indoor-Football#	Lunchtime¤	Sports-Hall¤	Sports-Hall¤	Mr·Stapleton¤
Thursday¤	Year-10-&-11Softball¤	Lunchtime#	Field¤	Ħ.	Mr-Pearce#
Thursday¤	Year-10-&-11Dance-Exam-Class#	Lunchtime#	Studio¤	Studio¤	Mrs-Elliot#
Thursday¤	Year·10·&·11····Boxing·Club·¶ INVITE·ONLY¤	Lunchtime¤	Studio¤	Studio¤	Mrs-Rogers¤
Thursday¤	Year-9Rounders¶ INVITE-OLNLY¤	Lunchtime¤	Field¤	Humanities¤	Mrs·Broomfield¤

Thursday	Yu GI Oh! Club	Lunchtime	SC3		MrMoxey
Friday	Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot
Friday	Post 16 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	MrPowell
Friday	Week B – Yr 9/10 – Science Club	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferrett
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Friday	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3 - w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mr Hawkins

Colour Coding - relates to DofE - Physical = Yellow, Volunteering = Red, Skill = Blue



Limited numbers. First come, first serve. Available to year 7/8 and 9 from after half term until the summer.

Every Thursday after school 3:30 –4:30/5pm in DT3



toi UK Health Security Agency

# Should I keep my child off school?

# Yes

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Until...

# No

# but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



# Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.

# Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs. If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

# **Medical Appointments**

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

## For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring: Sharon Leaman (Attendance Officer) Direct line: 01392 463911 Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

# For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16 Direct line: 01392 462697 Email: voyseys@clystvale.org Copying in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org

### COLLEGE DRESS

Clyst Vale aims to maintain a simple pattern of College dress to promote a clear sense of identity and enable students to come sensibly dressed, at reasonable cost, for a range of learning activities. If a student is improperly dressed, correct uniform will be provided for that day or the student may be sent home to change his/her clothing, at the discretion of the Principal. If parents are in any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform they should check with the College before buying it.

## Uniform for all students in Years 7 to 11

- White collared shirt
- School colour tie
- Clyst Vale V-neck jumper with College logo.
- Boys trousers Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts Blue Tartan and knee length
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

# All uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from Thomas Moore, Exeter. Thomas Moore offers both a personal service in their shop and also the opportunity to order on line at www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk

- Eyebrow jewellery, facial, tongue, nose and lip studs are not permitted.
- Leather jackets, all denim garments and all hoodies are not permitted.
- Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Outer coats should be predominantly plain in colour and without large logos.
- A plain white t-shirt or vest may be worn under the shirt.
- On health and safety grounds, shoes should be appropriate for a work place. Flipflops, open toes, Uggs, Dr Martens (or equivalent) are not permitted.
- Jewellery may be worn, providing it is not excessive or potentially hazardous. However, it is a legal requirement that all jewellery must be removed before undertaking sporting activities. It is the responsibility of the wearer to do this.

The Principal, in consultation with the Governors of the College, will decide on the suitability of the appearance of a student attending the College - extreme hair styles, of either cut or colour, are not permitted.

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