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PE Kit Policy

Dear Parent or Carer,

With us arriving at the halfway- point of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our PE kit policy within the department.

As a department, we take pride in our ethos of opportunities and participation, ensuring all students gain a positive experience in our lessons. Our policy ensures students' receive these experiences, even if they are unable to participate fully. The policy, which all staff members apply, is as follows:

1. A full change of PE Kit must be brought to every lesson, even if your son or daughter is not able to participate. Where students are not able to actively participate in PE lessons, students will still be expected to get changed and will be given an alternative, less strenuous, role. Please note, lack of active participation should only be on medical grounds.
2. If a student does not arrive with a full PE kit, they will be expected to borrow from the department. The department has ample supplies of spare kit, which is always freshly laundered. If students arrive without kit and choose not to borrow, they will be issued with a C5a and spend time in our reflection room.
3. If PE kit is borrowed more than once in a half term, a C4 detention will be issued every time after the initial occasion.

These are very simple guidelines and as an Academy, we feel that the skills of self- organisation are as important to an individual as accessing the lesson itself. Just to remind you, the correct PE kit consists of a purple Academy polo top, purple/black Academy reversible games top, black Academy shorts, plain knee length socks, indoor trainers with non-marking soles. Academy black tracksuit bottoms or plain black tracksuit bottoms are also acceptable. In addition, students may wear black, opaque sports leggings. Cotton 'fashion' leggings are not appropriate for PE lessons and must not be worn.

Can I draw your particular attention to the expectation that should a student require a long sleeve top under their polo shirt for warmth, it must be black and not a hoodie. Hopefully, the weather will be warmer after the Easter holidays so base layers will not be needed. If you feel your child would benefit from a base layer, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that it meets the expectation above. After the Easter holidays, if the base layer does not meet our expectations, students will be asked to change and offered a rugby top to wear as an alternative.

These measures allow us to maintain high standards and enhance students' experiences further still. We appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.

If you require any further information about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me on (01302) 722237 ext.281.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Speed

Head of Department