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Dear Parent/Carer

### **UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

As we are approaching the end of half term, during which extreme weather conditions have played a major part, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the uniform expectations at Calder High.

In recent weeks, it would appear that a deterioration in the weather has led to an increase in the number of students "bending" the rules. After half term, uniform will be a major focus and students who repeatedly fail to adhere to the uniform code, could be sent home to change or face other sanctions such as detentions or Alternative to Exclusion for repeated refusal to follow School Policy.

**All students in Year 7 to 11 should be dressed as follows:-**

**School polo shirt of the appropriate colour.**

**Plain black school trousers NOT black jeans, leggings, footless tights, tracksuit bottoms or combat style pants.**

**or**

**Plain black school skirt of appropriate length NOT A MINI SKIRT. Tights should be plain black and not patterned or footless.**

**Shoes must be plain black with a sensible heel (they may be a trainer style). Laces must also be black. Boots of any colour or style are NOT PERMITTED.**

Please could parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students reinforce the message that students are expected to attend all examinations in full school uniform. I am sure you will agree that confrontation over uniform is not ideal preparation for an exam and students would not wish to jeopardise their examination entry by being sent home to change and therefore should be encouraged to dress appropriately.

Students attending alternative provision such as college, HIMMAT, PITSTOP, etc should also note that whilst in school they are expected to wear FULL school uniform and they should therefore have their change of clothing with them on these days.

**Jewellery is NOT permitted in school other than one pair of small earrings and a wrist watch.**

**Facial and body piercings are not allowed.**

**Fashion belts are also NOT permitted.**

May I also reinforce the Policy regarding hair, which if dyed, must be restricted to one colour within the natural hair colour range, We appreciate there may be rare occasions when a student may not be in correct uniform due to a one-off emergency or genuine hardship. In these cases, the relevant Year Leader must be contacted and these will be dealt with on an individual basis. If you have any further queries, please contact your child's Year Achievement Leader in the first instance.

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of our students who continue to meet our uniform expectations in full and for your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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