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Dear Parent or Carer

College Uniform Policy – false/painted nails and jewellery

Whilst the vast majority of our pupils wear their uniform with pride and follow our clear rules on jewellery, nails and make up (thank you, parents who support us with this) there is an increasingly large minority who are not following the policy they signed up for when they joined Castle Donington College. Following up on uniform rule infringements is a distraction from our main business of learning and can create unnecessary bad feeling, which helps neither pupil nor staff of the College.

To be clear, only **one** set of stud type earrings may be worn in the ears – **no other jewellery is permitted**.

Nose and facial rings or studs are **not** permitted and so families need to think carefully about healing times if nose piercings are to happen (a piercing at the very beginning of the summer break would allow six weeks to ensure stud and rings can be removed for the entirety of the school day upon return in August).

Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed to be worn in College for health and safety reasons - we would ask that false nails are **not** put on at a weekend or a half term break. We will be asking pupils to remove false nails, which we appreciate can be expensive. Please save this experience for the long summer holiday so nails can be removed prior to the return to College.

Any make up worn or artificial hair colour should be subtle and 'natural' looking.

Pupils who do not follow the College dress code can expect to be challenged by every member of the College staff and, after half term, the College Behaviour Policy will be used consistently for pupils who fail to comply with College rules and expectations.

Next week, you may well will be equipping your child for the final half term – classroom equipment and uniform. Please help us by insisting on purchasing only items that are allowed – smart, black, formal shoes without any logo or brand marking visible; 'formal' cut trousers, skirts or shorts (not tight, figure hugging or too short); a navy blue College sweatshirt with the College emblem. **Until the end of the summer term, pupils are still permitted to wear joggers and trainers on days when they have PE; College sweatshirts and polo shirts are mandatory, though.**

We know it's not easy, many of us are, or have been, the parents of teenage children, but insisting on following our dress code helps all of us in the long run. Please help us and your child by following College procedures and communicating any issues promptly to us so that they can be resolved quickly. We will certainly be in touch with you if we need to about your child's uniform, jewellery and make up – either to praise its uniformity or to urge you to get your child into the right clothing.

Our full uniform list for 2020 - 2021 can be found on our website:

<https://www.cdcollege.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=31> together with a list of suppliers. I have also appended a useful guide for pupils and their parents/carers.

Yours faithfully,

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