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**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College  
with Applied Learning  
Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the Christmas break, after what has been an incredibly busy term, I would like to thank students, staff and parents/guardians for their continued support in everything we do. I am delighted with how well our students have applied themselves in school with regards to their own learning and through supporting school events over the recent months.

### **Final Day of Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

School will close at 12.00pm and all the school buses will be available at this time.

### **Return to School – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

School re-opens to all students on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am. I would like to remind you that all students need to be able to meet our standards for uniform and personal appearance when they return. Please familiarise yourself with the changes to our uniform policy, particularly around hoodies, jumpers and piercings which come into place from the 8<sup>th</sup> January. A summary of these changes and reminders around current uniform standards are attached to this letter.

### **And finally.....**

I do, of course, hope that you are all able to take a break and enjoy some family time together. I look forward to all our students returning, safe and well, in the new year.

Until then, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Paul McCaffery

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<b>Changes to our uniform policy</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>What will happen from the change date?</b>
<b>Hoodies.</b> Hoodies and gilets will not be allowed in school.	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Neither hoodies or gilets are a practical replacement for a coat.	Removal and confiscation.
<b>Jumpers.</b> Black 'year stripe' V neck jumpers will be allowed. In stores from January.	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	To offer a warm alternative to students without a coat.	Students will have the option to wear the new jumpers with or without blazer from January 2024.
<b>Piercings.</b> Any piercings, including plastic, other than two lobe studs will not be permitted.	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Other than one lobe piercing in each ear, these are not allowed in school.	Removal and confiscation.
<b>Shorts.</b> Smart, tailored shorts will be available as an option. Purchased from school.	Half Term 6 only, as directed by the HT.	In response to Parental requests to provide a hot weather uniform option.	Students will be allowed to wear shorts during hot weather temperatures. Shorts must be purchased from school
<b>Shoes.</b> Air Force One's and other black logo sports footwear will not be allowed in school.	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2024	Branded sportswear shoes are highly expensive and allowing these promotes social inequality.	As sufficient notice has been given, the expectation will be that shoes are replaced the next day.
<b>Blazers.</b> These will be phased out from January 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Parental request and to provide a cost-effective uniform.	Parent to replace jumper as soon as possible.

<b>Uniform Reminders</b>	<b>Rectified by...</b>	<b>Uniform</b>	<b>Rectified by...</b>
Jewellery (surplus to two lobe studs)	Confiscation until the end of the week.	Inappropriate hair colour	Inclusion until rectified.
Nail varnish/gels/fake nails	Removal or inclusion on first and subsequent days.	Hoods up inside	Challenged by staff, removed.
No tie	Exchange of a deposit in return for a tie for the day. Parent to replace tie as soon as possible.	False lashes	Removal or inclusion until rectified.
Inappropriate footwear	Uniform card, deadline, inclusion if not rectified after deadline.	Shirt untucked	Uniform card with daily sanctions for having untucked.
Inappropriate haircut	Letter sent to parent, Inclusion on second instance.	Any other uniform infringement which cannot be corrected on the spot.	Phone call/Inclusion/Uniform card.