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Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform Expectations – Year 9

With half term coming up, we just wanted to remind you of the uniform expectations at TNHA. From 30th October, we will be having a zero-tolerance approach to incorrect uniform. Students are expected to arrive at the academy in their full uniform. This includes:

<p>Boys: Black school trousers (no jeans or chinos), not skinny fit. White shirt Academy Blazer Academy tie (clip on tie for Years 7-9, academy year group tie for Years 10 and 11) School jumper (from approved supplier website) is optional. Black school shoes (plain black trainers or leather shoes are acceptable – black sole)</p>	<p>Girls: Black school trousers (no jeans or chinos), not skinny fit/ fitted. Academy skirt (ONLY from approved supplier), fitted skirts, miniskirts are not allowed. White shirt Academy Blazer Academy tie (clip on tie for Years 7-9, academy year group tie for Years 10 and 11) School jumper (from supplier website) is optional. Black school shoes (plain black trainers or leather shoes are acceptable – black sole), no heel.</p>
<p>Students may bring a coat to school during cold/ wet weather but this should be removed when indoors. Hoodies are not allowed in the academy.</p> <p>The approved uniform supplier is: https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/nicholas-hamond-academy-the-200-c.asp</p>	

In Year 9 specifically, we have noticed a significant rise in the number of students wearing nose studs. Students with pierced ears may wear one plain stud in each ear; but other facial or body-piercing is not permitted for reasons of safety. Nose studs must therefore be removed for school, but a clear retainer is allowed. This will however need to be removed for PE. In addition, a few Year 9 students currently have false eye lashes and nails. Nails should not be painted and the length should not have a negative impact on the students’ school life and should be cut to a sensible length. Make-up should be natural looking. If a student is to arrive with a piercing, false eye lashes or unnatural nails, they will be requested to remove these with immediate effect.

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You will notice that we have changed our expectations around footwear. With the rising costs of clothing, household bills, food etc., we know that some parents are facing many difficult decisions. To help reduce the costs of uniform, we are now allowing students to wear plain black trainers to school. If your child is wearing trainers, please ensure that they are plain black with a black sole.

Students arriving at school with the incorrect uniform will be given the option of returning home to change (if possible), otherwise they will be asked to borrow the correct uniform. Parents and Carers will be contacted by the pastoral team and given a short time to rectify the problem.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. Teanby'.

Mrs. G. Teanby
Head of Year 9