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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the GCSE examinations I would like to remind you about the forthcoming events for Year 11:

Friday 24 June, 7.30-11.00pm	Prom in Lumley Castle
Wednesday 29 June, 6.30am	Trip to Alton Towers
Friday 1 - Sunday 3 July	Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition
Monday 4 - Friday 8 July	Work Experience week
Monday 11 July, 10.00-2.00pm	Work Experience presentations and book return day.

May I take this opportunity to give guidance on the Sixth Form dress code. We have been discussing with our Sixth Form (led by our current Sixth Form Leadership Team), over several years, the Sixth Form dress code and it has become clear that there is a definite majority support for it. In order to make this as easy as possible for parents, girls should wear a black suit which they can purchase from a supplier of their choice.

The dress code is as follows:

- Plain black business suit purchased from supplier of your choice, consisting of a skirt, trousers or dress with matching jacket.
- Skirts and dresses must be of modest length and worn no more than 3" above the knee. This skirt length is non-negotiable.
- A plain coloured, or single colour striped tailored blouse or shirt with collar and sleeves must be worn under the jacket at all times.
- Black shoes with a maximum heel of 5cm. You may not wear stiletto or kitten heels for health and safety reasons.
- If cardigans are worn they must be hidden under jackets.

The following also apply to Sixth Form:

- No Ugg Boots, trainers or flip flops
- No T Shirts, hoodies or other casual wear
- No visible cleavage, midriff, strappy or sleeveless tops

It is expected that girls will wear their black suits for all lessons and other school functions unless otherwise directed by staff. The aim of this dress code is to ensure the smart appearance of the Sixth Form but also to give students a choice of design within their budget.

Thank you for all your warmth and support during the past two years.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Thomas
Head of Upper School