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Important Reminders

Dear Parents/Guardians and College men,

We have observed with concern a gradual deterioration or disregard for some of our basic school rules, specifically as it relates to our dress code and prohibited items. This serves as a timely reminder of the school's policies and rules with regard to these areas.

Electronic Devices

Students can take a cellular phone to school; however, the phone must be turned off at the start of school and remain off until school ends. Phones are not **to be seen or heard** throughout the school day (this includes the lunch periods). Phones can be confiscated for failure to follow these guidelines.

Parents are reminded to use the prescribed channels; Form Teachers, Year Supervisors, Vice Principals, Deans or the offices if they need to communicate with their sons during the school day.

Students can take laptops or tablets to school as required by the teacher. However; Air Pods, headphones/earphones, handheld games, game controllers etc. are strictly prohibited. Students who take these devices to school are responsible for its safety. **If these gadgets are lost or stolen, we will no longer invest resources to find them.**

Student Attire

Only if the weather dictates, such as when it's raining, are sweaters (even JC branded ones), hoodies, and jackets permitted. These pieces of attire are NOT a part of our uniform and are not permitted to be worn with it on or off campus. If students take a jacket, sweater etc. to school for the expressed purpose, it **MUST be a solid black, blue or grey**; no flamboyant colours or print is allowed.

Jewelry such as **ear rings, necklaces, chains and rings** (except a personal high school graduation ring) are also prohibited for students in uniform. These items will be confiscated if they are in the student's possession.

Students are reminded that our school pants are to worn on the waist and not the hip. Parents are advised that students observed in this practice, will receive a written warning and 24 Hours to make the necessary corrections. If a student returns with the infraction he will be required to have it corrected before he is allowed to attend classes.

Finally, you must have a medical exemption to wear Crocs or slides while in uniform. If your son needs a medical exemption, the relevant paperwork must be submitted on the first day he reports to school without the required shoes. The nurse, the principal, vice principals or dean of discipline should sign it, and the student save a copy to submit it as necessary.

A broken pair of school shoes is not an acceptable reason for wearing slides or crocs to school; instead, a different shoe must be worn with a written justification that has been signed by the parent and brought to school.

Other Concerns

The following items, if found will be confiscated and not returned

- 1. Metal pick combs they are of extreme concern due to their design
- 2. An exposed toothbrush in the back for cleaning shoes.

We look forward to your cooperation in these matters.

Regards

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