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9th September 2010

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and families

I have decided to write to all of our families very early this term to share with you our aim to raise the standard of appearance of our students. I am of course doing this following another set of excellent examination results this summer. In fact our GCSE results this summer are again, as they were last year, the best of any of the local High Schools and Academies. This means that for four years running we have improved on our results every single year; no other school in the area has achieved this. We now want to achieve the same with the appearance of our students.

I know families would like to see the appearance of our students improved. We as a school now feel we are in a position to focus on this and achieve the improvements we want. Compared to other schools and Academies we have the best examination results, the best curriculum, the best attendance and the lowest rate of bad behaviour as shown by last year's OFSTED reports on local schools. Now we want to achieve the same with the appearance of our students.

I need to say that the vast majority of our students follow the dress code fully and so wear the correct items every day. There are a few though who from time to time wear non dress code items and also a very few who regularly do not wear correct items.

For this reason over the next two weeks Mini Schools will be making contact with families who have children who do not follow the dress code and will be discussing and agreeing how this will be improved.

At the end of this period and specifically from **Monday 27th September 2010** students who are still wearing non dress code items may be sent home to change or parents/carers contacted to bring in appropriate items. This will be an inconvenience to families and obviously result in lost learning time. We want to avoid this and so ask that all families make sure that their children are wearing the correct dress code items.

Part of being a Post 16 student is being a role model and setting a high standard to all other students around the school. We intend to treat Dyson students as adults and therefore we have set a Smart Casual dress code for all students to follow, like there is for staff around the school.

Students can wear the following Smart Casual clothing:

- Jeans, Trousers or long to medium length Skirts
- Trainers or Shoes
- T-Shirts, Shirts or Sweatshirts
- Plain knee-length Shorts (minimum)

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Because of our Smart Casual Dress Code, students are not to wear:

- Scruffy or ripped Jeans or Trousers
- Pattern, cargo or beach style shorts
- Short Skirts
- Scruffy or ripped Trainers
- Low-Cut or Sleeveless T-Shirts, Shirts or Sweatshirts
- Items of clothing that display offensive words or images
- Hats of any kind

Over the past four years a very big effort on the part of all the staff, students and families has meant Pent Valley now has the best examination results, best attendance lowest exclusion and best OFSTED report. A similar effort from all will also mean we achieve the improvement in our students' appearance which we all want. In advance of this I want to therefore thank everyone for supporting this improvement.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Citro', with a small dot at the end.

MR M CITRO
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