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Dear students, parents & carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for the unwavering support you have showed over the past two weeks with regards to our 'No Mobile Phone' policy and our drive to raise uniform standards by upholding our published uniform policy.

There has been a marked improvement in standards across the Academy. Students have embraced the changes and we are all so proud of how they have adapted to and managed these changes. They look smart and professional and the significant majority have responded very positively when reminded to 'tuck their shirt in' with impeccable manners. Students who have temporary exemption passes for uniform items that do not meet our uniform policy have been responsible and present their passes if requested. Students have been actively seeking advice and guidance on 'enhancements' - nails, eyelashes, jewellery etc and have had very mature and sensible conversations about what is and isn't permitted. We couldn't ask for more.

Our 'No Mobile Phone' policy also launched with huge success. On day one, 27 devices were confiscated across the Academy and by day five, this reduced to 11. This is a fantastic response to our 'See it, Hear it, Take it' policy. We completely appreciate the challenge this change posed for our students, but they have risen to the challenge and continue to work with us as we push to raise standards and make Stanground Academy the school of choice across Peterborough.

The atmosphere across the Academy over the last two weeks has genuinely changed - it feels a lot calmer and more purposeful. Social times see students interacting with each other and adults and duty staff have commented on this daily. The noticeable decline in mobile phone use has directly reduced the amount of conflict between students and staff - there has been virtually no need to challenge students for using mobile phones in lessons or around the Academy and as a result, there is no tension and punctuality to lessons has improved. This is fantastic and we must all work hard to maintain this momentum right up to the end of this academic year and be ready to return in September with the same motivation and determination to raise standards and uphold school policies.

With this in mind, can I please remind you that from September, all students are expected to be in full correct uniform which includes a school blazer, formal school shoes (not trainers or casual footwear), formal school skirt to the knee (not a short, Lycra based mini skirt) or formal trousers (not stretchy, Lycra based trousers), a white shirt and school tie. A black V-neck jumper is optional. Our school uniform policy can be found on our website.

Students who arrive at the Academy with incorrect uniform will be issued with a correction letter and given five working days to make the necessary changes. We appreciate that parents are busy people and if this notice period requires discussion, please contact your child's year team.

Our policy on 'enhancements' - nails, hair, eyelashes, jewellery etc will remain unchanged in September from what it is now, that is: only one pair of stud earrings and a watch. clear plastic retainers can be used for all other piercings and all other enhancements must be of a neutral and natural tone. With regards to 'nails', these must be a sensible length and cannot hinder or impact health and safety in practical lessons. In these cases, SLT decisions are final. Similarly, we will continue with our 'See it, Hear it, Take it' policy in support of us maintaining a 'No Mobile Phone' Academy status.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your warm welcome as I end my first half term at Stanground Academy. I have loved getting to meet so many parents/carers and getting to know our wonderful students. Stanground Academy is an excellent school and we are determined to make this an outstanding provider - just as our students deserve. I wish you all a restful and a very well-deserved summer holiday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Joannou', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Ms Joannou
Deputy Principal