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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware we have been working to ensure that standards at Huxlow are improved in every area and we have seen real progress over this year. However, this improvement has been harder to achieve in the uniform standards of many Year 11 students. This was a similar issue with Year 10 before Christmas and year group action was taken to reset the expectations. Since then that year group's appearance has been much improved and we are able to deal individually with students that are not meeting our expectations.

Unfortunately, we now feel that we need to carry out a similar reset for Year 11. We have visited the Year 11 assembly today to set out what will be expected and the consequences of not meeting our uniform policy. The actions we are taking will particularly focus on the issues around the wearing of PE kit on the wrong day or wearing non-Huxlow PE kit items, both in and out of PE lessons.

We were very pleased that Year 10 parents were very supportive when similar action was taken and the issues were quickly resolved, and I am sure that we can count on a similar level of support from yourselves.

From Wednesday 24th January the following will be in place:

- **All Year 11 students will be in uniform for 2 full weeks with no exceptions. BTEC and Dance students will get changed in the changing rooms if they are doing practical sessions.** This will be reviewed after 1 week to ascertain if students are wearing the correct uniform and PE kit, and therefore if the second week is required.
- **Any student not in uniform each morning will be sent to the Senior Leadership team and Head of Year who will call home and ask parents/carers to bring uniform in for them, or to gain permission for the student to go home to change.** If parents cannot do this then the student will be banned from Core PE for that week and be placed with a member of staff to complete written work during their PE lesson. Other usual sanctions will also be applied.

We look forward to a swift increase in uniform standards across the year group and a return to the current changing arrangements as soon as expectations are met.

If you require support from our Pupil Premium and uniform loan team, please contact Miss Tebbutt via l.tebbutt@huxlow.northants.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards

Paul Letch, Headteacher / Helen Sghendo, Head of Year 11 / Sam Letts, Head of PE