



# Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of the Summer term, our attention at Bishop Rawstorne turns towards September and new beginnings. As such I feel that there are a few things that need to be firmly clarified regarding our uniform and mobile technology policies so that all parents, and students are aware of the standards that we expect from our students when they arrive back with us for the academic year 2015/16.

## **Jewellery and Makeup**

The academy planner states:

***For health and safety reasons no jewellery other than one plain stud in each ear is allowed. Absolutely no body-piercing is allowed. A cross may be worn if tucked into a shirt. No make-up, false nails or nail varnish is allowed.***

More than 1 stud per ear, and dangling ear-rings of any nature are not acceptable. No students are allowed makeup, or nail varnish or false tan and tutors will be extremely vigilant on this in September. Bracelets and bangles are equally not acceptable. Any jewellery that contravenes this will be confiscated and returned at a later date and points will be lost. This will be reviewed at Christmas to ensure that this policy is being followed.

If jewellery continues to be a concern by the time we reach Christmas we may need to look at a blanket ban on all bar a cross.

## **Mobile Phones**

The academy planner states:

***Students are allowed to bring mobile phones for emergency calls only. No other facilities on the phone such as video, audio or social networking sites may be used at all in school. Phones must be switched off at all times on the school premises and whilst travelling on school busses. Phones may only be used with the express permission of a member of the teaching staff.***

Mobile phones must remain switched off during the school day. Any students using a mobile phone without the express permission of staff will have it confiscated and it will remain at the office for collection at the end of the day. A second confiscation will result in home contact and a third means a parent will need to come to collect it on behalf of the student.

As well as this we would like to clarify that smart watches are not acceptable in school in any circumstances.

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## **Hairstyles**

The academy planner states:

***No extreme hairstyles or colourings should be worn. If parents are unsure we advise them to contact the school in the first instance. Any contravention of the school hair policy will necessitate parents being telephoned and students remaining in our inclusion room until the hairstyle is rectified.***

Of late we have seen significant upturn in what we class as inappropriate hairstyles, both from males and females across the school. Female students are not allowed hair of 2 different colours, or with highlights streaks or braids. Male students are not allowed to have excessively styled hair. Extremely large quiffs at the front or spiky hair all over are not acceptable. The more recent trend for tall hair on the top and very short on the side is also not allowed. Hair grading should be no lower than a 2. Hair should be of a very similar length across the whole of the head with no extreme grading or patterns. The attached sheet offers some guidance as to what is not acceptable.

Students that cannot adhere to this rule will be isolated until a time that the hair is suitable. This is because we need to make clear to all students what is and is not acceptable, and it only takes one student with an inappropriate style to be seen by more impressionable students, and then we have an issue across the school.

I feel that it is vital in September that all parents and students are well aware of the standards that we expect of our students. Bishop Rawstorne prides itself on being a high achieving establishment, with students that are outstanding in appearance as well as academic prowess. With your support in these areas I hope we can all have a successful start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

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