



# St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a busy term and most pupils have been working very hard in Year 10. I am generally very pleased with the effort and achievement of pupils, which was shown in their recent reports.

However, this term I have had to spend a lot of time with a minority of pupils who are failing to follow the school rules in respect of their appearance. Whilst the vast majority of Year 10 are wearing their uniform correctly, there are still too many girls in Year 10 whose skirts are very short. I would be grateful if all parents could ensure that their daughters' skirts are of an acceptable length when we return to school in January. I am also concerned about pupils with piercings. The school rules are very clear on this: the Governors have said that piercings are not allowed. I would ask all parents to support school on this, by not letting their children have piercings over the holidays. If your child has already had piercings, then they **must** be removed when pupils return in January. In the same vein, over Christmas your child may get some new trainers or a new hoodie, but please encourage them to save these for out of school use because they are not part of our uniform policy either. Equally, post-Christmas often sees the increase of mobile phone usage, but please remind your child that mobiles must not be seen or heard in school.

I would be really grateful if all parents could support me in ensuring that their child returns to school with the correct uniform and appearance in January, because I feel very strongly that time I spend working with pupils on their appearance or for issues regarding mobile phones, could be much better spent in trying to support and guide them. Year 10 is an incredibly talented year and I want to be able to work with them positively, to help them to achieve their targets and secure a bright future.

Best wishes for Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*J Dougan*

Miss Dougan  
Head of Year 10

