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Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I am writing to introduce myself as Vice Principal of Okehampton College. I look forward to working with you to ensure Okehampton College sits at the heart of the community, where we work together to set up our children for life.

### **Uniform**

Following our recent consultation on uniform with families, staff and students, you have been made aware that there will be changes to the College uniform policy from September 2024. These changes will significantly reduce the cost of the uniform while still ensuring we maintain the high standards and high expectations we have for students to look smart when they attend the College. The detail of these changes will be communicated to you shortly by Mr Corkell, Assistant Principal.

In the meantime, we would like to ask for your support in ensuring students are not wearing hoodies in school. The compulsory school blazer must be worn by all, with the option of wearing the school logo jumper underneath, as an additional layer. No hoodies or other non-school branded jumpers are allowed to be worn in school, either under blazers or as coats. We recommend a warm waterproof coat which can be worn over the blazer as students move to and from lessons and at social times outside, but which must be removed before entering a classroom or assembly space.

Students have been made aware that if they are wearing a hoody or non-school branded jumper, they will be asked to remove it and it will be taken to Student Services for collection at the end of the day.

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## **Mobile Phones**

Finally, a reminder about our mobile phone policy: mobile phones must be switched off and be put away for the duration of the school day – this means from the moment students arrive in school until they leave the school building at the end of the day. If a student is seen with a phone or headphones, these will be confiscated and taken to Student Services, on the first occasion, for the remainder of the day.

Thank you for your support in ensuring students meet our high expectations for their conduct and learning in college.

Yours faithfully,

**Annabel Skelton**  
**Vice Principal**  
**Inclusion and Curriculum**



**Ross Corkell**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

