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Dear Parents

Recently there have been a small number of boys who have sought to 're-interpret' the very clear and straightforward rules that we have concerning the Sixth Form Dress Code at Bishop's. I thought that it would be helpful for everyone if I briefly re-stated what is expected, for the avoidance of any possible doubt. The following sections of the BWS Behaviour and Discipline Policy are of direct relevance:

Annex D Para 1: Earrings and other items of jewellery are not to be worn at any time. (ie they should be REMOVED, not merely taped over).

Annex D Para 3g: Hair must be neat and tidy and of the boy's natural colour: unconventional styles and facial hair are not acceptable. Hair should be no longer than collar length.

We have drawn up these rules so that they are not over-prescriptive, but equally so that the corporate values of the school are supported by the boys' appearance. They need to be smart and professional in their look, and they need to set the best possible example for the increasing number of younger boys who look to them as role models. In Salisbury both local people and visitors make judgements about the school based on how our boys present themselves, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that the judgement that they make is good.

I hope that you understand the reason for the message, and that you feel able to support us here in school by encouraging your son to comply with the dress code in full. We have reminded all of the boys of these expectations so that there can be no excuse for non-compliance. Further details of the school uniform rules can be found at [http://www.bws-school.org.uk/The\\_School/Policies/pdf/Behaviour.pdf](http://www.bws-school.org.uk/The_School/Policies/pdf/Behaviour.pdf).

Best wishes

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Head Master