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Dear Parents

As you will know, BWS will be admitting girls to our sixth form from September 2020. Because of this we have adjusted our sixth form dress code to allow for the change in circumstances, and details of the new code will be available publicly in due course. One of the changes that will be introduced will be clauses that allow for jewellery that is discreet to be worn by either gender, thus acknowledging a degree of equality of treatment as you would expect between girls and boys.

I have agreed to a request from the current sixth form boys that we will introduce this aspect of the new dress code from September 2019 as a trial for the boys in both Year 12 and Year 13. This means that from the start of the coming autumn term they will be permitted to wear discreet jewellery, including a finger ring if they wish and a simple single stud earring in either or both ears.

I have explained to the boys this afternoon that the impetus for this decision originated from their peer group, and that therefore they all have a part to play in ensuring that both the letter and the spirit of the Law are kept.

I hope that this makes sense, and I would (of course) be very grateful if you could play your part in ensuring that your son looks smart when he attends BWS.

Best wishes

S D Smallwood
Head Master