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## Academic Year 2024.2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal responsible for Behaviour and Pastoral Care at Lydiard Park Academy.

Many of you may already know me from my previous roles within the school as Head of Year 11 and Teacher of Food. These positions have allowed me to build strong relationships with many of our pupils and their families, and I am excited to continue this journey in my new capacity.

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, I wanted to inform you of some important changes aimed at further promoting a positive and productive school environment. These adjustments are designed to help our pupils develop the discipline and responsibility they will need in life beyond Lydiard Park Academy.

- 1. **Punctuality**: Starting in September, if a pupil arrives late to school, they will be issued a lunchtime detention for that day. This immediate consequence is intended to emphasise the importance of punctuality. Failure to attend the detention will result in further escalation.
- 2. **Uniform Policy**: It is crucial that all pupils adhere to the school uniform policy from the very first day. This includes guidelines on piercings and jewellery. Correct uniform not only reflects school pride but also prepares pupils for professional standards in their future careers. Only school shoes should be worn; no trainers. Further to this, piercings are permitted in line with our policy. This is one stud in each ear and one nose stud. Any pupil who fails to follow the uniform policy may be placed into isolation or sent home to correct their uniform.

We believe that these rules are not merely about discipline but about equipping children with essential life skills. Your support in reinforcing these standards at home is invaluable. By working together, we can ensure that all thrive both academically and personally.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and the dedicated staff at Lydiard Park Academy to create a supportive and effective learning environment. Should you have any questions or need further clarification on these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Have a great summer and I look forward to welcoming pupils back in September.

Warm regards

Mr T Hancox

Assistant Principal - Behaviour and Pastoral











