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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am pleased to announce that we are launching a consultation on our A Level curriculum for the 2025-26 academic year. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape a curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of our students. Also included in this letter is some information about uniform expectations, phone use and punctuality.

A Level Curriculum Consultation

Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting parents, students, and staff to participate in a consultation regarding proposed curriculum changes, effective for the 2025-26 academic year. We aim to ensure that our A Level offering remains ambitious, challenging, and aligned with both student interests and future career pathways. The consultation will focus on three specific aims:

1. Enable the school to identify a core of academic subjects which will run at Queen Elizabeth's School, regardless of group sizes.
2. Increase the strength of our partnership with families by actively involving the community in shaping our future curriculum.
3. Establish the viability of a more flexible timetable and the possibility of working with Corfe Hills (now part of Initio Trust) to facilitate some A Level teaching.

The consultation is open to parents and students in all year groups. Please click here to complete the consultation using [this google form](#)

Uniform Policy

As part of our commitment to maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, we are maintaining high expectations of uniform this term. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform every day. A consistent and smart appearance fosters a sense of pride and belonging within our school community and enables your young person to safely take part in all curriculum activities. We appreciate your support in reinforcing our expectations at home. Please note the following specific points:

1. Fake eyelashes, nose piercings, hooped earrings and artificial nails are not allowed as they can restrict participation in some curriculum activities.
2. Skirts should fall naturally from the waist and not be rolled or tucked.
3. Black school shoes should be worn to school and during school hours.

Punctuality

Punctuality enables us to create an environment in which all students are able to learn, in every lesson of every day. It is also an essential skill for life after secondary education. We ask that all students arrive on time in the morning for 08:40am, ready to start their day. Students who are late to school will be placed in an after-school detention. During the day, if students are more than three minutes late to their lessons then they will be placed in isolation. Late arrivals not only disrupt learning but also can affect students' own academic progress. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child understands the importance of being on time.

Mobile Phones

Finally, we would like to remind parents about our policy regarding mobile phones for students in years 9-11. To promote focus and minimise distractions, all students should have their phones turned off and stored in their bags at the start of the school day. Phones that are seen in school will be confiscated on sight and an after school detention issued. Headphones will also be confiscated. We appreciate your support for these procedures at home. Sixth form students should not use their phones around the site and only use them in the sixth form area.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to your child's education. We look forward to your active participation in our upcoming curriculum consultations and appreciate your support in maintaining our school standards.

Warm regards,



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Headteacher