



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Important Reminder Regarding Inappropriate Behavior – Tie Snatching

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

I am writing to address a recent issue involving concerning behaviour among some Year 7 pupils. We have noticed an increase in incidents where pupils have been snatching or pulling off other pupils ties during the school day. While some may view this as playful or harmless, we want to make it very clear that this behaviour is inappropriate, disruptive, and will not be tolerated.

Why This Behaviour Is Unacceptable

The act of pulling off or snatching a tie may seem like a minor prank to some, but it can have negative consequences. First and foremost, this behavior can cause unnecessary distress to the pupil who the tie is being pulled from. Many children feel a sense of pride and responsibility in wearing their uniform correctly, and having an item of their uniform forcibly removed can be both embarrassing and unsettling.

Additionally, ties are part of the official school uniform, and replacing a lost or damaged tie comes at a cost. While it may seem like a "free" item to the person doing the snatching, it requires time, effort, and money for the other family to replace. This cost, both in terms of financial expense and emotional impact, is unacceptable.

Furthermore, we must remind our pupils of the importance of respecting each other's personal space and property. At our school, we foster a culture of respect, kindness, and responsibility. Actions such as these do not align with our values and can undermine the positive and inclusive environment we strive to create.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behaviour

With immediate effect, if any pupil who is seen or reported to have engaged in tie-snatching, will be sanctioned according to the school's Behaviour Policy. This may include detentions, loss of privileges, or other appropriate consequences. Repeat offenses will result in a severe disciplinary action, up to and including involvement of parents and carers and further school interventions.

We are committed to ensure that pupils understand the gravity of their actions, and that all individuals in our school community feel safe, respected, and valued.

A Call for Your Support

We kindly ask for your support in addressing this issue by discussing the seriousness of this behavior with your child. Reinforcing the message that what may seem like a harmless prank can have unintended consequences will help ensure that your child understands the importance of respecting their peers. We believe that with your

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support, we can quickly resolve this issue and restore a more positive and respectful atmosphere within our school community.

Should you have any concerns, or if you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We value your partnership in ensuring the well-being and development of all pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. Kinki', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Kinki

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