



16<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to prepare students for the outside world, the Academy has high standards of uniform and presentation, as detailed in uniform pages in the Student Planner. To ensure that they are correctly presented for their day learning, and that the policy is enforced in a fair and equitable way, where students do not meet the Academy's expectations, punishments are put in place.

The vast majority of our students look impeccable on a daily basis, and this is a basic expectation that is almost unilaterally met. However, a recent trend has been for boys to have lines, tramlines or patterns shaved into their heads. The Academy's policy on hairstyles states that 'no decorative patterns' are allowed. Students are regularly reporting that hairdressers are regularly choosing to randomly shave these patterns into students' hair without being asked. If this is the case, I would recommend parents/carers attend hairdressers' salons with students.

For clarity, if a student arrives at TCA with a shaved pattern, line, symbol or emblem in their hair or eyebrow, they will be given a period of Internal Exclusion until this can be either masked or grows out. It is important that all students follow the same rules, meet the expectations of the Academy, and this includes hairstyles.

If you have any questions around this, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Burton  
Deputy Headteacher