

17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year and begin to prepare for the new autumn term, I wanted to write to you and thank you for your continued support regarding uniform. Standards of uniform in Tanfield School are exceptionally high and we will continue to have high expectations of our students when it comes to their personal appearance. We are very proud of how smartly dressed our students are and how they wear their uniform with pride. We believe our uniform provides our students with a sense of belonging and being part of Team Tanfield.

Visitors and members of the general public have commented on how smart our students look and I would like to thank all students and their parents/carers for supporting the school by ensuring that the correct uniform is worn every day. It is due to your continued support our standards remain high.

The Summer break is often a popular time for purchasing new uniform, as children grow out of their uniform all too quickly or uniform becomes damaged due to continual wear and tear. One of the aims of school uniform is to reduce peer pressure at school for the latest clothes. As fashions change and manufacturers push the boundaries for acceptable 'school wear' the challenge of maintaining a fair and consistent approach does not diminish and we reiterate the expectation that:

- **Tanfield blazer;** is compulsory.
- **Formal white shirt;** long or short sleeved with a proper collar; must be tucked in at all times.
- **School tie;** is compulsory
- **Formal black trousers;** must be formal (not tight, leggings, jeggings, chinos or jeans).
- **Skirts;** must be the Tanfield Tartan and worn correctly (not tucked or rolled).

- **Shoes;** plain black **formal style shoes** (no Dr Martens, trainers or Converse style trainers), heels no greater than 3cm. Boots can be worn with trousers only and not skirts.



- **Socks and tights:** plain, opaque black tights with skirts and plain black ankle socks with trousers (**not trainer socks** below the ankle).
- **Tanfield PE kit;** top with plain black shorts or leggings (no large logos or stripes).

We appreciate that uniform can be costly for parents. For this reason, we have kept branded items to the bare minimum and much of our uniform can be purchased at a low-cost from a wide range of shops and supermarkets. If you intend or need to purchase new uniform ready for the next school year, please refer to the family handbook or uniform section on the school website.

Please do not be pressurised or convinced by your child to buy the incorrect uniform as this can be expensive if it does not meet our high standards regarding appearance and presentation.

We also have a small supply of 'pre-loved' uniform where items are available upon request.

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## Personal Appearance

When students return on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**, all students will be checked for correct uniform, including footwear, jewellery, make-up, false nails, and hairstyles. Please ensure that:

- **Piercings are not allowed;** Any new piercings should be done at the start of the summer holidays, to allow time for them to be removed before the new term begins. Plasters, tape, or plastic retainers are not acceptable.
- **Nails;** False or acrylic nails and nail varnish should be removed before returning to school.
- **Make-up;** is not allowed whatsoever in year 7 – 9. Only light, natural make-up can be worn in year 10 and 11.
- **Hairstyles and colours:** hair colour and style should be within the normal natural colour range. No extreme hairstyles are allowed. This includes beads/braids or lines cut into shorter hair such as “tramlines” or “cat scratches”.

If there is a problem, which cannot be put right in school, then parents/carers will be contacted and arrangements made for their child to be collected or the appropriate items brought in to school in order to rectify the issue.

I am sure, like us, you want our students to continue to present themselves in a smart, professional way and will do all you can to ensure your child is in the correct full uniform.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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