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17th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcoming our new Year 7 students as they start Tanfield School is always a very special moment. As proud parents you will no doubt be eager to capture that first-day photo of your child in their smart new uniform; a symbol of belonging to Team Tanfield and the exciting new chapter that begins in Year 7.

Moving from Year 6 to secondary school is an exciting step, and with it comes new routines, higher expectations, and increased independence. One of the key differences students will notice is the move to a more formal school uniform.

At Tanfield School, we place great importance on how our students present themselves. Our uniform standards are high, consistent, and non-negotiable. This approach is something many of our families actively choose when selecting us as a school, and it plays a vital role in shaping our culture of pride, discipline, and professionalism that we are known for.

Many visitors and members of the wider community frequently comment on how smartly dressed our students are, and this is a reflection of the partnership between school and home. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in maintaining these high standards.

The Summer break is often used for purchasing new uniform. 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).

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- **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 a new uniform ready for the new 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. If you are in any doubt, please contact us before buying any items.

We also have a small supply of 'pre-loved' uniforms 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.

- **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. No false eyelashes.
- **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 present themselves in a smart, professional way and you will do all you can to ensure your child is in the correct full uniform.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new students on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**, ready to begin their journey with us in Year 7. It's always a proud moment to see them arrive looking smart in their new uniforms, full of excitement and anticipation for the year ahead and an important new chapter in their education.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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