

21st December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Uniform**

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. Visitors and members of the public have commented on how smart our students look.

The Christmas 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. 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 trousers must be formal, skirts must be knee length, shoes should be black (not trainers) and socks should be dark ankle socks (not trainer socks below the ankle).

If you intend or need to purchase new uniform ready for next year, please refer to the 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 any items do need to be replaced there are 16 days over the holidays in which this can be done. This means there should be no students returning in January with incorrect or inappropriate uniform.

When students return to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**, all students will be carefully checked for uniform, jewellery, make-up and false nails/nail varnish. If there is a problem, which cannot be put right in school, then parents/carers will be contacted and arrangements made for students to be sent home or collected in order to change into correct uniform or remove make-up/jewellery.

If parents/carers cannot be contacted, then the student will be removed from lessons for that day or assigned to a senior member of staff in order to work on their own.

### **Jewellery & Piercings**

Piercings of any kind are strictly **NOT ALLOWED**. A plaster or tape is not a solution to piercings and students should not get piercings during term time. Students will be asked to remove their piercing – this is non-negotiable. If students refuse to remove facial piercings they will be isolated until the piercing is removed. This is for health and safety purposes.

A student will be told to remove any jewellery and if necessary, it will be confiscated and parents/carers will have to collect it from the School Office.

### **Make-up**

Girls in year 10 & 11 should keep make-up to a minimum and any girls wearing unacceptable amounts of make-up will be asked to remove it. Nail varnish and false nails are strictly not allowed.

### General Requirements:

ALL PUPILS	DETAILS	HOW TO WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM
Blazer	Black school blazer with pre-embroidered school badge – <b>purchase online</b>	Sleeves must be worn at full length (not pushed back)
Jumper (optional)	Black school jumper with pre-embroidered badge only – <b>purchase online</b>	No hooded tops, sweatshirts, cardigans or tracksuit tops
Shirt	Plain white traditional school shirt with collar	Ensure that collar button is fastened at all times. No coloured vests beneath shirts No fashion shirts/blouses <b>Shirts must be tucked into trousers or skirt</b>
Tie	Clip on school tie – <b>purchase online</b> Y11 tie – <b>purchase online</b>	Ties must show at least 15 stripes Ties must show at least 5 badges
Trousers	Plain black, tailored school trousers only – <b>purchase online</b>	No jeans, flares, baggy, bootleg, hipsters, leggings, low slung, skinny or tight fitting trousers No accessories such as buckles or laces etc.
Skirt	Plain black tailored or pleated skirt – <b>purchase online</b>	Skirt should be <b>knee length</b> . No slits or vents above the knee <b>No lycra or figure hugging material</b>
Tights	Plain black	No pattern
Shoes	<b>Plain black leather (or leather in appearance) sensible school shoes.</b> Must not be two toned, striped, fashioned or overtly branded	Heels of 1 inch max <b>No trainers or trainer style shoes</b> No flip flops, sandals, <b>plimsolls</b> , backless shoes, ‘Uggs’ converse, Vans or similar. Trousers should be worn over shoes
School bag	Essential, minimum size to hold a folder	
Makeup	<b>Years 7 – 9</b> No makeup of any description should be worn in school. <b>Years 10 – 11</b> <b>Light</b> make up only	<b>No false eyelashes</b> <b>No nail varnish</b> <b>No false nails</b>
Jewellery	A watch is allowed No other jewellery is to be worn Plain hairbands only	No earrings and no expanders No other visible piercings No rings No bracelets

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 son/daughter is in full uniform.

As always, thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully



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