

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

#### Uniform

As we move towards the end of the calendar year, please can I remind you of our uniform policy and ask for your support in ensuring it is adhered to rigidly when we return in January.

We want every one of our students to look smart and think smart and therefore, I ask that any issues with uniform be rectified over the holidays ready for the spring term.

When we return in January all uniform issues will be addressed with the student before they are permitted entry into the main school. This may include lending items to students such as ties, bags or shoes to ensure that every single student enters the main school with the correct uniform items.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with using the school Behaviour Policy including the use of detentions and Isolation.

# Required uniform for all students:

Item	Notes
Blazer	Black with pre-embroidered School badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from School.
Shirt	Plain white shirt. (Long or short sleeved shirt may be worn).
School Tie	
Skirt	Black plain pleated skirt and flared.
	All skirts should be a traditional school skirt purchased to allow for growth.
	Length 20 inches minimum.
	Rolling up of skirts is not permitted.
	Opaque black tights must be worn with skirts.
Trousers	Must be Black
	Plain and tailored with a waist band.
Socks	Only black socks to be worn with trousers.
Shoes	Black, sturdy and low heeled.
	Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.
School Bag	The bag must be a rucksack and be able to fit A4 books and files inside.
	Handbags are not permitted

### Optional uniform for all students:

Item	Notes
Jumper	Plain black 'V' necked jumper or plain black sleeveless 'V' necked jumper.
Coats	Outdoor Coat: Worn in cold weather over school blazer.
	This garment should be regarded as the overcoat.
	Coats should be removed on entry to the building.

#### Please note:

Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted in school and will be confiscated if seen. No hooded sweatshirt or any other form of sports top to be used as an outdoor coat.





## **Appearance**

As with uniform items, appearance issues will be addressed before the students are permitted to enter the main school. Please be aware, this may necessitate a request from staff to students to remove jewellery items or piercings. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with using the school Behaviour Policy including the use of detentions and Isolation.

Item	Notes	
Make-Up	Discreet make-up is permitted	
Nails	False nails and nail varnish must not be worn. *	
Jewellery	A single pair of small stud earnings are permitted.	
	No further jewellery is allowed. **	
Watches	A wristwatch can be worn but must be removed to take part in Physical Education	
	lessons. No responsibility is accepted for the loss of any confiscated items.	
Shoes	Black, sturdy and low heeled.	
	Please note that fabric shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted.	
Hair	Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable and will be dealt with on	
	a case by case basis.	
	Long hair must be tied up for practical lessons.	
Body	Nose studs and other forms of body piercing are not acceptable. **	
Piercing	We ask for parental support in ensuring that students do not have any new piercings	
	until they have completed Year 11.	
*The School reserves the right to request removal.		
** The School reserves the right to request removal and to confiscate if necessary.		

# Acrylic / Nails

It has been noted that a small number of students are currently wearing acrylic / false nails, potentially in preparation for festive occasions during the holidays. Please could I ask that arrangements are made for these to be removed before students return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Long nail extensions pose a risk when a student is engaged in physical activity or taking part in specific subjects within the curriculum. If one is ripped off, it can also cause painful rips and cuts to the skin of the wearer.

# Confiscation of jewellery

This term staff have confiscated large amounts of jewellery from students daily. During the Autumn term this has been returned at the end of each school day but from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January any jewellery confiscated will only be returned at 3pm on The Friday of the week that it was confiscated. The confiscation and return of jewellery are time consuming processes and can lead to negative conversations when we should be focussing on maximising learning within school.

Your support in this matter is appreciated and I would advise all students to leave jewellery at home and follow the appearance expectations as outlined earlier in this letter.





## **Coats**

Coats must be removed by all students when they are in the school building. The only exception to this is when students are using the Refectory or our temporary eating area.

Persistent breaches of this rule may mean that students have their coats confiscated during lessons. The confiscated coats will be available to collect for students to wear outside during breaktimes.

The return to learning following the disruption endured by students, parents and carers this term is our absolute priority but I also want to ensure that we maintain our expected standards of uniform, appearance and behaviour moving into 2024.

Finally, many thanks to you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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