



18 May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Summer Uniform

With pleasant weather in the forecast from next week, I am pleased to confirm that we will be moving to summer uniform expectations from Monday 22 May. This means that students:

- Do not have to wear a blazer or tie
- They can have their top button undone.

They are expected to wear all of the rest of their normal school uniform. I want to be clear that students are not allowed to wear a coat or hoodie in place of a school jumper or blazer. If they are cold, then they should put their school jumper or blazer on first.

Uniform Expectations

There are many reasons why we ask our students to wear a uniform and we will be speaking to them about this in assembly this week and reminding them of our expectations. If you are unsure about our uniform requirements, they can be found here:

[Uniform List Years 7-11](#)

I have outlined some key points below, where we often have a challenge:

- All students are expected to wear black polishable shoes, not trainers.
- All students in Year 7-11 should only have one small stud or hoop in their ear. They should not have a nose stud. If they have more than 1 earring, then they will be asked to wear a plaster.
- Students should not wear excessive makeup, including false eyelashes, brightly coloured nail varnish or false acrylic nails. They will be asked to remove makeup, we have makeup wipes available and nail polish remover.
- They are expected to have their shirts tucked in at all times.

There are members of the team on gate duty each morning to remind students about uniform and to support them with accessing spare uniform, which we have available to lend them. Students will have plenty of opportunity to sort out any uniform issues before they attend tutor each morning.

Once students are in tutor, their uniform is monitored throughout the day and staff will be asked to record any issues with uniform and encourage students to rectify this. If a student has 3 uniform infringements then this will result in a 1 hour detention and you will receive notification of this via the My Child At School (MCAS) App.

Equipment for Learning

All students are expected to enter a classroom, ready to learn and this includes having the correct equipment to do this. The equipment listed below should be contained within a transparent pencil case. This pencil case allows tutors to check the equipment of students quickly and easily. We appreciate that students may not be able to fit a scientific calculator and maths set in their transparent pencil cases and so we are happy for these to be carried separately in their school bags.

Equipment:

Pens – black/blue, green and red

Writing pencils

Coloured pencils

Rubber

Pencil sharpener

Glue stick

30cm ruler

Maths set (containing protractor, compass, setsquare)

Scientific calculator – we recommend a Casio calculator - FX-83GTX or FX-85GTX, however most scientific calculators are fine.

At least 2 highlighters

Transparent pencil case

This equipment is compulsory and we will be asking our pastoral team to check that students still have this equipment. Please can you support this by checking your child's pencil case and refill any equipment that may have been mislaid or used up.

We recognise that some families may at this time be experiencing financial hardship, if this is the case or you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the relevant Head of Year if you require additional support. We do have some spare uniform in our inclusion department and will support wherever possible.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson
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