



High School

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Dear Parents

At the start of the holiday you received a letter from school explaining the focus for the new term and our expectations in terms of uniform. Despite an excellent start to the term, with over 90% of the students in the correct uniform and ready to learn each day there are still a small number of students without the appropriate uniform, particularly shoes. The rule of no sports' logos or canvas pumps has been part of the uniform policy for over 5 years and we have merely clarified the issue over leather pumps (normally Converse or Vans).

Uniform is an important part of our school's ethos and we believe it helps all students to feel part of the school and removes the commercial and peer pressure that students may feel. Smart appearance is part of preparing students for their life beyond school and the expectations they will have when they are employed.

I would like to re-assure the vast majority of parents and students that where there are issues with uniform we are dealing with them. As a school we do have the right to send students home for incorrect uniform. Many schools have been in the news this week for carrying out this policy. However, as a school we pride ourselves on our high attendance rates, low exclusions rates and excellent relationships with student and parents. Therefore, our policy is to give students and parents a chance to sort out the issue in the first instance but these issues are being dealt with.

Ready to Learn

- All students need to be in school by 8.35am and by their tutor room at 8.40am.
- Tutors will check the uniform and equipment daily and there will be appropriate sanctions if these basics things are not correct.

Uniform and appearance

- Black school shoes, that are polish-able. No trainers, canvas or leather pumps. **Sports brands, Converse or Vans pumps are not allowed.**
- Tailored smart school trousers not skinny trousers, no denim, stretchy material, **large zips or studs. Straight legged trousers must be loose on the ankles e.g. Next – woven or formal trousers, Marks and Spencer - Slim fit or regular trouser**
- Blazers and ties must always be worn
- Facial/body piercings or multiple ear piercings are not acceptable and if your child has a piercing it will have to be removed throughout the school day
- No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours. This includes shaved 'crew cut' style haircuts and Mohican strips

Equipment

- All students need blue or black pens, a pencil and a ruler as a minimum
- A green pen for self and peer marking, a set of highlighters, colours and an eraser are all useful
- A maths set is advisable and a calculator – these are available to buy in school
- Learning Journal – provided by the school. This should be brought into school every day

Thank you again for all your support
Yours sincerely

N.F. Crookshank

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Headteacher