



Re: Appearance and Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we look forward to the start of the new school term, we would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the expectations regarding student appearance and uniform.

Ensuring that 'Appearance and Uniform' meet our expectations is one of our school BASICS, which we require all students to adhere to. Ensuring that the BASICS are met enables both students and teachers to concentrate on the core business of learning and achievement so that all students can make good progress.

Adhering to a dress code or uniform policy is also an important career and life skill.

Uniform is seen as being important for many reasons.

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Helps the school establish its place in the community
- Is practical, smart and appropriate for a professional setting
- Is fair and makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, and removes peer pressure to dress in 'designer' fashions, therefore reducing expenditure
- Assists in identification of strangers on school premises
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Below are the regulations with descriptions outlining uniform for students and also an attachment of pictures which highlight correct versions.

Uniform:

Blazers and Jumpers:

- The school blazer needs to be worn at all times, including outside at social time unless instructed by a member of staff.
- As rewards students may receive badges, these are to be worn on the lapels of their blazers.
- Students may wear a black, plain, V-neck jumper under blazers but not instead of them.
- No hoodies or branded jumpers may take place of the black, plain V-neck jumper or a blazer.

Skirts and trousers:

- Skirts should be knee length/ just above the knee; pleated or straight
- Skirts and trousers should not be clingy or be of a tight material which allows little movement or comfort and causes the item to ride up
- Skirts should not be rolled up at the waistband thus shortening it
- No jeans or (sport) leggings at any time
- No skin tight trousers

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Shoes and socks

- Black shoes should be sturdy material
- No trainers, no Nike Air Force 1 trainers, Hi-tops, heels, platforms or Boots
- Black socks only

Appearance

Jewellery

- 1 small earring in each ear (max) - **no other facial/body piercings** or retainers. If students are wearing any additional piercings, for example on ears, nose, tongue or lip they will be asked to be removed without exception.
- Small chain necklace, to be worn underneath shirt
- Watch (including smart watches, but these may be asked to be turned off at request of a member of staff)
- 1 small ring on each hand (max)
- 1 charity bracelet
- All jewellery must be removed for all practical lessons
- Make-up kept to a minimum: no false eye-lashes, false gel/ acrylic nails, nail varnish or heavy make-up/fake tan)

Hair

- Must be one **natural colour** and of an appropriate style (e.g. no shaved patterns/motifs in hair).
- Coloured hair with unnatural hair colours are not permitted

Equipment: Come prepared to learn

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| • Suitable school bag | • pencil |
| • Student planner | • eraser |
| • 2 x black/blue pens | • ruler |
| • 1 x red pen | • calculator |
| • 1 x purple pen | • Reusable Water Bottle (from September, plastic water bottles will no longer be available to buy) |

Consequences

In accordance with our APHS Behaviour Policy, where these expectations are not met, this may result in:

- Students being collected by parents to rectify their uniform and/or appearance;
- Confiscation of inappropriate items;
- Suspensions and exclusions.

We thank you for your support with this so that we can establish a positive start the new term and maintain this throughout the academic year.

Yours sincerely

The Leadership Team

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School Uniform Shoes



Acceptable

Black polishable school shoes only.



Unacceptable

No canvas, trainers, pumps, plimsols, walking boots, boots, Vans or Converse. Shoes must be flat with no platform or high heel and must be below the ankle.



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