

Our Ref: DGJ/ST/BE

18th March 2010

TO: All Parents

Dear Parents,

Re: School Uniform Requirements

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, may I please draw everyone's attention to the School's uniform and equipment requirements. A uniform list is attached for reference.

In particular, I ask you to note the requirement for black shoes. **Black trainers are not permitted.** However, there does seem to be an increasing trend for pupils to be wearing these around the school. Staff are setting detentions for these infringements and confiscating trainers as necessary, however this is wasting valuable teaching time and therefore all pupils need to ensure that they are suitably equipped for the Summer Term. Trainers are permitted for use at lunch and break times but, again, school shoes need to be changed into prior to the start of every lesson.

I also take this opportunity to highlight the fact that each pupil needs to be properly equipped every day with a school bag and (amongst other things) a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, calculator and School Planner. Staff have remarked about some pupils arriving to their lessons poorly equipped, which is again having a knock on effect on their progress and attainment.

I know that with your support we can ensure that every child reaches their true potential.

Yours sincerely,

S Trimble
Deputy Head i/c Pastoral

UNIFORM

- BOYS:** Plain dark outdoor coat
Plain navy blue blazer (with Badge and Year Strip)
Plain dark grey trousers
White shirt *
School tie
V-necked navy blue pullover (long sleeved)
Black/Dark Grey socks
Black shoes
- GIRLS:** Plain dark outdoor coat
Plain navy blue blazer (with Badge and Year Flash)
Plain navy blue box pleated skirt
White shirt *
School tie
Plain white socks
Tights - flesh, navy blue or black
V-necked navy blue pullover (long sleeved)
Black shoes
Trousers (smart, tailored navy trousers can only be purchased from Havering Schoolwear shop)
- BOYS AND GIRLS:** Parents are asked to provide some items of P.E. kit and protective clothing

JEWELLERY, CAPS, MOBILE PHONES, PERSONAL MUSIC PLAYERS (all types) AND MAKE-UP ARE NOT PERMITTED AND WILL BE CONFISCATED

Pupils' uniform and hair should be neat and presentable at all times. Hair should be of a natural colour, i.e. no bright greens, blues etc.

Denim style jackets are **NOT** permitted

NB * ONLY SCHOOL STYLE SHIRTS ARE ACCEPTABLE

Attention is drawn to no jewellery or make-up and dark colour for outdoor coats. Please do not be swayed by the comment "but everyone else does" – this is not the case. In reasonableness, we acknowledge that accidents can happen (e.g. a lost tie) and uniform becomes incomplete. In such circumstances, a note from the parent explaining the situation and asking the tutor to kindly authorise it, will help everyone to be kept informed.

Jewellery is not allowed for several reasons – health and safety, risk of loss, distraction from learning etc. **Whilst the School wishes to be reasonable and recognise the fashion of ear piercing, we require parents to arrange for this to be done during the summer holidays to provide sufficient time for the healing process.**