


STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

RESPONSIBILITY:	LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE
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PROPOSED BY:	PAUL PHILLIPS
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TYPE OF POLICY:	RECOMMENDED
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APPROVED BY:	FULL GOVERNING BODY
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SIGNATURE:	 CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

In reviewing this policy, the Learning & Achievement Committee has taken into account the provisions of the Equality Policy 2016.



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School Uniform

Our uniform is an outward sign of students' commitment to and pride in their school. It has been chosen with regard to what is comfortable and appropriate for 13 to 16 year olds. Cost and availability have also been considered.

Students must wear the following items:

- regulation white Vandyke polo-shirt with school logo on chest *
- regulation burgundy Vandyke jumper or cardigan with school logo on sleeve *

- regulation black pencil skirt from *David Luke* or *Innovation* brand range *
- **or**
- formal dark grey or black trousers. For clarity, trousers must be:
 - black/dark grey
 - plain/ unpatterned (no checks/stripes, etc.)
 - **tight skinny trousers or jeggings/leggings are NOT permitted**
 - **no 'jeans style' trousers made from non-denim material are acceptable**

This means they must not have any of the following features:

- jeans-style studs or pockets
- large coloured belts or buckles (a black belt is allowed)
- double stitched seams or piping on seams

- grey, black or white socks

- shoes must be all black and polishable. Sports shoes of any kind, including plimsolls/black trainers/Vans/Converse/Airforce, or any canvas footwear are not acceptable

- hoodies or hats should not be worn in the school

- as daily life in school involves a great deal of interpersonal contact, it is inappropriate to wear items that cover facial expressions: girls who wish to wear headscarves in observance of their religious beliefs may do so, as long as these conform to the requirements listed below:
 - the fabric should be lightweight and a plain dark colour
 - the headscarves should be folded under the chin, taken round to the back of the neck and the ends tucked in - this conforms to health and safety requirements
 - headscarves should be worn so that the collar of the polo shirt can be seen

* ***These items are exclusively in stock at Wear2School in North Street, Leighton Buzzard.***

Jewellery, Hairstyles and Make-up

In general, jewellery is inappropriate for school. Apart from the security issue, there are health and safety issues about wearing some items of jewellery. **Large hooped earrings, flesh tunnels, ear stretchers, bars, ear cuffs, spikes and chains**, for example, are not allowed for these reasons.

Students must limit jewellery to:

- small sleepers or stud earrings (limited to one per ear) - multiple earrings are not permitted
- a watch
- one ring on each hand - multiple rings are not allowed
- one necklace, which must be tucked inside the polo shirt

The school is not insured for students' jewellery or other personal effects if these go missing.

Extremes of hairstyle and make-up are not appropriate for school and are not acceptable. **Hair colour must be natural shades only.**

Body piercing is strictly limited to nose and ear, i.e. no eyebrow/ lip piercings are allowed. Nose rings are not permitted.

If you are in any doubt about the appropriateness of clothing items, hairstyles or jewellery, please contact the school for clarification.

Parental Support

We expect parent(s)/carer(s) to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform. If for any reason a parent/carers is unable to provide uniform due to financial difficulties, we may be able to help. Please contact the school, in confidence, as a matter of urgency and ask to speak to the Head of Year. We keep a supply of uniform items which are, in many cases, new and are in all cases laundered and ready to wear. These items may be borrowed for a limited period. We regularly update our stock, so there is no reason why any student should be out of uniform.

Students Arriving at School out of Uniform

Each morning, Tutors will check the uniform of students in their group. If the Tutor is unable to resolve an issue, students out of uniform will be referred to the year group office. The Head of Year will then do one of four things:

- arrange for a student to borrow an item(s) of uniform
- contact home and ask a parent/carers to bring in an item of uniform
- consult with the Director of Year and refer a student to the Achievement Support Centre (ASC) where he/she will complete their lesson work until the uniform issue is resolved

- in exceptional circumstances, after consultation with the Director of Year or Deputy Headteacher, we will arrange with parents/carers for students to go home to change

Medical Issues regarding Footwear

In exceptional circumstances, students will be allowed to wear black trainers for medical reasons. Parent(s)/carer(s) must contact the Headteacher in writing and provide medical evidence (e.g. Doctor's/hospital note) to support this request. In most cases, sensible school shoes provide better support for injuries than training shoes. This will be subject to regular review by the Year team.

Mobile Phones, MP3 Players, iPODs, etc.

Vandyke strongly discourages the bringing into school of expensive items such as mobile phones, MP3 Players or iPODs. We take no responsibility for such items. We do insist, however, that if students do bring such items into school they must be switched off and placed in a secure locker or in bags during all lessons or assemblies. We reserve the right to ban students from bringing such items to school if they use them inappropriately, or are in breach of our clear expectations above. An updated policy document is issued to parents each academic year about mobile phones.

Being Equipped for School

An important part of every student's uniform is the equipment brought into school each day to facilitate learning. Details of what equipment students should bring each day will be provided. Secure lockers are available for all students to store books, PE kit and other items of school equipment.

PE Kit

It is an expectation that all students take part in PE lessons in the correct PE kit. Details of the requirements for PE kit will be communicated to new students and parent(s)/carer(s) during the New Intake process.

Being fully equipped is a sign of a student's commitment to their learning.
"Be prepared, be successful!"

This policy document should leave no student or parent/carer unsure about the school expectations regarding uniform, PE kit, mobile phones, iPODS, MP3 player, etc.

If any parent wishes to discuss any issue(s) arising from this policy document, they should contact the school at their earliest convenience.