

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REGARDING UNIFORM:

Shoes:

All footwear should be of a suitable school design with low heels, no sling backs, platform soles or open toe. No patent, suede or fashion accessories. Boots, where the cut comes above the anklebone, are not acceptable. **Shoes should be black, polishable and polished!**

Blazers:

Must be worn coming to and leaving school. Blazers should always be available in school at all times.

Socks/Tights:

Tights should be plain. White socks for girls in summer term or with summer dress.

Shirts:

Sleeves may be rolled up neatly with staff permission. Pupils may wear short sleeved shirts in the summer but ties must still be worn and the top button should always be done up.

Hair:

Should not be coloured or cut to extreme fashion design, nor should it be overly styled with 'gel or 'mousse'. Hair should always be tied back if it is likely to fall over the face when working. Hair accessories should be maroon, grey, black or brown combs or slides. White ribbon/hair accessories in summer uniform is an option.

Additional Clarity:

No part of the hair should be shorter than a grade 1.

Any fades to no less than grade 1. Skin fades/grade 0 is not acceptable.

No undercuts, steps, tramlines (in hair or eyebrows) or patterns cut into hair.

Hair should not cover the eyes at all. Long hair which falls over the eyes (when upright or working) should be tied back.

Fringes falling below the top of the eyebrows are too long.

Skirts: Kilts/school skirts and summer dresses should be knee length. –knee length means reaches the top of the knees when walking/standing.

Jewellery:

A matching plain pair of ear studs or sleepers may be worn. One in each ear, lower lobe only. All jewellery must be removed for PE and Games.

Sensible watches may be worn (Time pieces not fashion statements!) but should be clearly initialled. All items are worn at the pupil's own risk of loss.

Bangles, bracelets, rings and necklaces should not be worn. Religious jewellery will be considered so please contact the school if you are unsure.

Make-up: Is not allowed, this includes nail polish.

This is often a point of contention particularly with Years 10 and 11. Light foundation which is not overtly visible will be accepted in cases where there are skin problems but again this should be discussed sensibly beforehand with tutor who will update staff. The school rule is 'no make-up'.

In addition, no fake tanning. Again, in cases where someone may be involved in a dance show or external activity that requires it, tutors should be informed well in advance and permission sought.

Hats/Coats/Scarves

- School coat - fleece lined and waterproof.
- School 'beanie' style hat.
- School scarf.
- School 'hoodies': Pupils may wear their school hoodies at break or at lunchtimes. (Hoodies should not be worn under the blazer - that is what a jumper is for)
- Pupils may wear black or maroon plain gloves.

Own coats:

Students are desperate for coats as a fashion item. This is not allowed. Own coats are not 'uniform'.

Some pupils on the Worcester Bus who have to walk through town have permission to wear a plain black coat to make them more anonymous as they walk through Worcester. They have to remove their coat when they arrive at school and should not wear it around school.

Other Uniform advice:

No mix and match uniform: Summer uniform or winter uniform at present – although under normal circumstances the pupils return in September in summer uniform until the weather changes.

Shirts and ties are to be worn smartly, top button done up, tie done up properly.

Blazers should be worn neatly: no rolling up blazer sleeves. School hoodies should not be worn other than for PE and games.

Socks/tights colour: black or grey socks please and black or grey tights, winter and white ankle socks summer. Not slipper socks as this makes it appear that you are not wearing any socks and looks untidy.

Additionally, the length of PE skorts should be an appropriate length and should not 'ride up' so as to be considered revealing/inappropriate.

The school uniform list and rules have been clearly defined due to the regular changes in fashion, which lead some pupils to 'bending' the rules. Please ask your child's form teacher FIRST if you have any query over the purchasing of items for school as mistakes are both costly and time consuming...**fashion and peer pressure can lead to pupils exaggerating what they say is acceptable!** Please do feel that you can contact the school. We have high standards of uniform and expectation of appearance and of behaviour. We shall be maintaining these high standards and would expect full support from parents with this.