

18th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Expectations

Thank you to those parents and carers who support and uphold our expectations in line with our uniform policy; we really appreciate this. Our Uniform Policy is very clear and can be found on our [website](#). As a Trust, we are fortunate to be able to supply the first uniform bundle for students free of charge when they join in Year 7 and for any new starters who join mid-year.

Students are fully aware that the correct uniform must be worn without exception, and the vast majority do so daily and with great pride. Visitors and guests regularly comment on how smart our students look when they are wearing their uniforms correctly.

However, we do have a small number of students who breach the very clear policy, which we endeavour to address as you would expect. The most common breaches include wearing no tie, having a shirt untucked, rolling skirts over at the top so that skirts are an inappropriate length, wearing socks that are not black, having excessive ladders and holes in tights.

Whilst we hold a small number of replacement items in case of emergencies during the day, we are no longer able to provide uniform items routinely to students. This year alone, we have spent considerable funds on ties and tights in particular and cannot sustain this financially. Please can we require all parents and carers to ensure that their child has sufficient uniform items at home and that the uniform is worn correctly every day. If parents and carers need support with the cost of uniform, please contact us at school using the enquiries email address: enquiries@ripon.outwood.com.

Please be assured that in warm weather, sensible and reasonable adjustments will be made around uniform and communicated to pupils and parents in an appropriate manner.

Sanctions for Uniform Breaches

I am concerned that the problem of deliberately choosing to roll skirts over, despite frequent reminders and requests to unroll them when asked by staff, has become particularly problematic. To address this concern, from Tuesday 2nd September, we will issue a sanction of a C4a (a thirty-minute

detention) to any pupil with their skirt rolled over. In addition, a C4a detention will also be issued for repeat breaches of untucked shirts and students choosing not to wear a tie.

Skirts as of this date must adhere to the following guidelines:

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style. Skirts may be A-line, pencil or pleated (twin, knife or box pleat); [Uniform Guide](#)
- tight-fitting, tube skirts are not acceptable;
- must sit on or just above the knee;
- must not be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights.

School Jumpers from September 2024

From September 2024, the only jumpers that will be permitted will be plain, black, knitted V-neck school jumpers (so that ties are clearly visible), but these do not need to have the school logo on. Round-necked jumpers will not be permitted. Similarly, black sweatshirts will not be allowed. Many of the supermarkets stock plain, black, knitted school jumpers. An example can be found [here](#). We would really appreciate it if you could support the school by discussing our expectations with your child.

Jewellery, makeup and false eyelashes

No jewellery is allowed except a wristwatch and a Medic Alert Necklace or bracelet. Smartwatches are not allowed in the Academy. Ear and nose piercings should be removed - if any student is thinking of having their ears pierced, this should be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays as they will be asked to remove them on arrival at the Academy. False eyelashes and makeup are not permitted.

Yours faithfully,



Dave O'Brien
Vice Principal