

## School Uniform Policy

A uniform creates a sense of belonging and shows pride in our school and our commitment to a shared vision, values and ethos. It helps to promote a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning. It promotes equality of opportunity and protects our students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It nurtures school cohesion and promotes positive behaviour.

School uniform is therefore compulsory in Years 7-11.

We do not accept facial jewellery or inappropriate hairstyles at any stage in the school. Although there is no uniform for Sixth Form students, we reserve the right to insist on appropriate dress.

Following extensive consultation with our students, parents and staff, the uniform at The King Alfred School is as follows:

**Shirts/blouses** – White with the school logo. These can be purchased from the school. Shirts should be tucked in and blouses not tucked in. Blouses must be buttoned up. Coloured T-shirts or those with a bold logo should not be worn under school shirts.

**Trousers**– Regular plain black in standard full length cut. Jeans, leggings, tight fitting or other similar trousers are not permitted. Please note some 'school-type' trousers on sale in mainstream shops may not conform to the school's policy. Please check our website or discuss with your child's Tutor if you are unsure.

**Skirts** – Skirts should be A-line or straight, plain black and of an appropriate length which ensures that they do not lie more than 5 centimetres above or below the knee. Split skirts are not permitted. Plain black tights are encouraged with a skirt.

**Jumpers** (optional) – Black V neck with the school logo. These can be purchased from the school.

**Shoes** – Shoes must be plain black, closed toe school shoes with no studs or metal. Trainers, boots, backless shoes, canvas or 'plimsoll' type shoes including Converse and Vans, are not permitted.

**Coats** – Coats must be sensible and appropriate for school. Hoodies and denim jackets/coats are not permitted.

It is recommended that all items should be **clearly labelled with the student's name**.

Please note that just because a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this does not make it our school uniform.

### Personal appearance

**Hair** – Use of hair dyes to achieve unnatural colours is not permitted. Extreme hair colours and styles are not permitted – this includes shaved patterns, lines or steps. Excessive gelled hair styles are 'extremes of fashion' and are not acceptable in school. Hair should be tidy and of such a length that there is no risk of it getting caught.

**Jewellery** – this is limited to one plain stud in each ear lobe and/or one appropriate ring per hand. No other forms of piercing are acceptable this includes sleepers, ear tunnels, ear stretchers, ear barrels, facial jewellery, tongue studs and retainers.

**Make up** – if worn this should be discreet and neutral in colour.

If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor/Head of Year for guidance.

Students who do not adhere to our uniform policy will be placed in our removed room (A23) until such time as they conform accordingly.

