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School Uniform

Dear Parent/Carer

As we prepare for the end of term 2 and the Christmas break, I am writing to you to clarify the school's expectations regarding students' uniform.

In my short time at the school, I have been really pleased with the support parents and carers have shown regarding new systems in place for conduct and expectations. This is making a real difference to engagement and learning in lessons and conduct around school.

I am sure I can rely on your continued support in regard to ensuring all students adhere to the King Alfred School Uniform policy (Copy of this can be found overleaf).

I am very clear on my expectations of uniform in school and I believe all students should represent the school with pride, wearing their uniform correctly every day at school.

Please take some time to look at the Uniform policy, it is very clear, however, can I draw your attention to the main parts of the policy.

- Boys shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- Jeans and leggings are not permitted.
- Skirts should lie no more than 5cm above or below the knee.
- Shoes MUST be plain black – No trainers (branded and non-branded makes), boots, backless shoes, canvas or plimsoll type shoes (including Converse/Vans etc) are permitted.
- Coats must be sensible – Hoodies, Denim jackets and tracksuit tops are not permitted.
- Jewellery – only one small stud per ear is permitted. All other forms of piercing are not permitted.
- Unnatural hair colours and extreme shaved lengths/patterns are not permitted.
- Make up should be discreet and nail varnish plain and limited to natural colours.

At the start of Term 3, we are requesting that all students return to school adhering to the uniform policy. I hope, as parents/carers, you will fully support this drive on high standards of uniform at school. For any student arriving at school in Term 3, incorrectly dressed or presented, we will be contacting home to ask if your child can return home to change into correct uniform. If unable to return home that day, the clear expectation will be your child arrives the next day correctly dressed.

For students with medical conditions requiring them to wear alternative footwear to school shoes, I will be requesting certified medical notes as from Term 3. This will be the consistent message to all students.

Tutors, Heads of Year and SLT members will all be checking uniform daily and I will oversee all uniform issues and concerns.

I look forward to working proactively and supportively with you in ensuring all King Alfred students are in perfect uniform from the start of 2018.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Mr D Milford
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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. 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.

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/tracksuit tops and denim jackets/coats are not permitted.

PE Kit

Compulsory items that can only be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk
Unisex Polo top, Rugby top (boys only)
Compulsory items that can be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk or from other retailers
Black (plain) shorts, Red (scarlet) sports socks
Optional items that can be bought from other retailers
Navy/black tracksuit trousers
Optional item that can be purchased from School or Goldstar
Plain black hoodie – no logos or coloured piping. New style PE hoodie from Goldstar.

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 worn nail varnish should be of a natural plain colour, and nails should be short. Acrylic and 'false' nails should not be worn.

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.