



**Ashton
Community
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College**

'a school to be proud of'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and its policies. We feel consistency is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our students. We understand the lockdown restrictions have made it difficult in sourcing certain items of uniform and we have been working with all parents in upholding our standards. As well as enjoying the Easter break with your children, please will you take a moment to note some areas of consistency in our uniform policy. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations at the start of term with students returning to school in April not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy.

Now we move into the Summer Term girls that choose to wear a skirt must transition from their winter tights to their summer black socks.

School shoes: Plain black leather shoes (no logo), no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.

School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had issues throughout this year where parents have spent a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the above information. We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the school at odds with the student which is not what any of us would wish for and is a negative start to the term for all concerned. School shoes are functional rather than fashion items and need to be fit for purpose and able to withstand the British weather in its many forms.

Jewellery

Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and specific jewellery items are not allowed for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school entirely at the student's own risk. Piercings on any other part of the face or body are not allowed.

Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravene this rule; they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. If they are worn persistently, we will ask parents to collect them and support in enforcing this rule.

If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school. There is no grace period allowed for this, e.g. when a piercing is new, so please factor this into any decision you make if agreeing to additional piercings for your child.



Make Up

Make-up of any description is not allowed. Students are required to remove make up if they disregard this rule. Coloured nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are included in the general description of make-up and are not allowed. This list is not exhaustive.

All of our school shop providers are still available for phone orders should you require their services. You can find a copy of our uniform policy for 2021-22 [here](#). If you are replacing items at this stage that are not in the uniform list for the next academic year we would be happy for you to purchase items that will be. For example, you may wish to purchase a white shirt and tie now rather than a yellow blouse. As previously stated we have offered a transitional period for the whole school to acclimatise to these changes.

This will be strictly enforced after Easter and students not correctly attired for lessons will not be allowed to attend lessons until the issue has been fully resolved. They will access lessons remotely via FTEC. Again, I should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as a school as we all place great emphasis on good attendance to school and to lessons.

Equipment

Students are expected to have the following equipment in school every day. Without it they will struggle to access the learning each lesson.

A black pen, blue pen, green pen, red pen, highlighter, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, mini wipe board, wipe board pen, glue stick, scissors, pencil case (this will need to be quite a robust one that is big enough to fit a wipe board in with a proper zip).

You are free to purchase this equipment yourself or alternatively you can purchase individual items or a full equipment pack from school for £3.50. Packs can be purchased through parent pay and we will then hand these out to students when they return to school.

Students are also expected to have a school bag that can accommodate both equipment packs and school books. Small handbags are not acceptable as a school bag.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Mr W Clarke

Deputy Headteacher