



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear parents, relatives and carers,

As our school year ends, I am writing to thank you for all your support this year and to provide some key information regarding our expectations for September so that we have a smooth start to the year.

Jewellery

The **only** jewellery permitted is a single, plain gold or silver stud earring in the ear (only one earring per ear). No other piercings are permitted. If over the summer you are planning any further piercings, please can you ensure that they are fully healed in time for the start of school in September so that no jewellery needs to be worn in these piercings.

Make-Up

No make-up of any type is permitted for Years 7 and 8. Any pupils in Year 7 or 8 who wear make-up will be instructed to remove it.

We are aware that, as pupils reach adolescence, it is not uncommon for them to feel self-conscious about their appearance. Therefore, in Years 9 to 11, pupils may wear subtle, light touch make up, that is not immediately noticeable to an observer. This is limited to a subtle application of foundation **or** concealer, and a subtle amount of mascara.

The following are not permitted: fake tan; highlighter, bronzer, blusher and contouring; HD brows; false lashes; eyelash extensions; excessive mascara.

Nails

Furthermore, any type of nail accessory is not permitted, including, but not limited to, false nails, Shellac, acrylic, nail polish and any types of gels, such as, but not limited to, BIAB and acrylic.

We are aware that many pupils will wear cosmetic accessories over the summer and they can be troublesome to remove without an appointment. Please can you ensure that appointments are made to remove these before the start of school in September.

Shoes

Many of you will be purchasing new school shoes over the summer. Please can I remind you that all pupils are required to wear formal, plain black shoes that can be polished. Leisure shoes are not part of the uniform. This means that trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, coloured badges/elaborate decorations and bows, high heels, wedges and **all sports brands are not acceptable**. Boots, including ankle boots, are not permitted.

The following link provides you with examples of appropriate shoes for school:

<https://files.schudio.com/holy-family-catholic-high-school/files/documents/uniform/School Shoes Acceptable for September 2018.pdf>

Hair

We do not accept any extreme hairstyles: no stepped styles; no bullet creases or patterns shaved in; no shaved heads, below a grade three; natural hair colours only please. If any pupil uses the summer to have a hairstyle of this manner, please ensure that it is done at time that will allow it to grow appropriately for the start of school in September. Additionally, any holiday hair braids will need to be removed before the first day.

More information on all our expectations of uniform and equipment can be found on our website via the following link: <https://holfamilyhighschool.co.uk/information/uniform>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Williams

Senior Leader i/c KS3 Leader (Y7 – 9) & Whole Behaviour School