Uniform/Dress Code
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Question.
What do these people have in common?
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CORMAC AT TRAFALGAR
Answer

They all wear a uniform or have to stick to a dress code at work:

• Clothes
• Shoes
• Make-up
• Jewellery
• Hair colour
• Beards!

They all have to conform to certain expectations
Why is uniform important?

- Governors have worked with parents, teachers and students and decided on the school uniform.
- The vast majority of parents and students value uniform.
- Uniform looks smart.
- Students tell us they feel smart.
- Uniform encourages a sense of belonging.
- Dressing for school is associated with positive work habits.
- Uniform helps reduce the lure of expensive branded clothes.
• A shirt, tie and blazer may not be the ingredients for my favourite outfit, but if I were given the choice, I wouldn't throw away the idea of school uniform. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student.

• "Uniforms show that you are part of an organisation. Wearing it says we're all in this together," Jason Wing, head teacher at the Neale-Wade academy in Cambridgeshire, says.

• "Also, if you wear your uniform with pride, it means you are half way there to being respectful, buying into what the organisation is all about."
Canvas type shoes with coloured trim/sole

NOT ACCEPTABLE

You will be expected to change into school footwear
EXPECTATION: Plain black, closed toe school style shoe with no studs or metal. Heels may not be higher than 2.5 cm

NOT ACCEPTABLE
You will be expected to change into school footwear
Skirts

- School policy states plain black, tailored fabric, straight or pencil and no shorter than just above the knee.
- Our policy clearly states that skirts should be knee length and **not figure hugging** and whilst this will always be our expected aim, we do appreciate that due to fashion and different body shapes and sizes this can be a challenge. Therefore to overcome this we will give a degree of flexibility and allow the length of skirts to be **no shorter than 10cm** from the crease of the back of the knee. Any shorter than this will be deemed inappropriate and will be dealt with by your Progress Leader.

- Pupils should **not** wear boots with the skirt.
Skin-tight black leggings

NOT ACCEPTABLE

You will be expected to change into school trousers
Hoodies around school
NOT ACCEPTABLE
If you are seen around school wearing a hoodie under your blazer or as a replacement for a blazer you will be expected to remove it and could have it confiscated.
EXPECTATION: Jewellery is limited to one plain stud in the lower earlobe, and a watch. No other form of piercing is acceptable; this includes piercing that stretch the earlobe and piercing retainers.

NOT ACCEPTABLE
These items may be confiscated and collection should be by parents/carers after 48 hours from reception. Pupils who refuse to remove jewellery will be asked to go home. You will be asked to remove piercing no matter how long they have been in.
Remember

- Uniform list is shown in the school planner.
- Uniform letters are sent home regularly.
- Uniform list is on the school website.
- Tutors do daily checks.
- Progress Leaders do regular checks.

SO STUDENTS ARE VERY AWARE OF THE RULES
• It is your responsibility to arrive at school dressed correctly.
• It is a requirement if you want to attend this school.
• It is the responsibility of tutors to challenge all those students not in the correct uniform.
• It is not OK for students to get annoyed with staff when challenged about uniform.
Finally

• Thank you to the vast majority of you that do come to school day-in day-out in the correct uniform.
• Staff recognise that it is not FAIR when a small number of students think they can wear what they like.
• Rules have to be applied equally and consistently if we are to achieve EQUITY.
Let’s be proud of our school
Let’s be proud of each other