

17th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder: School Uniform 2024/25

As we look forward to September 2024, I write to you to support your preparations for the new academic year, specifically regarding school uniform and required equipment. We are always delighted to receive regular and positive community feedback on the pride our students show in wearing our uniform correctly each day. We appreciate the support of parents/carers in fully supporting our policy and ensuring that students adhere fully to the uniform expectations.

This letter details and clarifies the uniform expectations that will apply to all students. Students will be expected to arrive in full uniform and present themselves appropriately on the first day of term 1, and every day thereafter. Students return to school on:

- Thursday 5th September for Years 7 and 11 (timings to follow).
- Friday 6th September all year groups (timings to follow).

Specific points we would like to highlight well in advance of the start to term in September 2024 are that:

- Any changes to hair colour or style are rectified to ensure they meet the expectations of the school policy. Please follow the link below for further details.
- Any false eyelashes, acrylic or false nails, including nail varnish, are removed before students return to school.
- Parents/carers make it clear to students that any additional piercings they may have (beyond those allowed) must be removed for the duration of time in school.
- Skirts must only be the approved school skirt, which is a box pleated skirt.
 - Please ensure that you allow for growth when purchasing the skirt.
- Straight leg trousers must not have any narrowing at the lower leg or the calf area. They should not be skinny fit in style. They are a straight leg meaning there is a consistent width throughout the trouser leg. Leggings are not permitted.
- In all PE lessons, students are required to remove all items of jewellery. This includes earrings and watches; tape is not considered acceptable to cover piercings, the earring must be taken out. Please note that students will not be permitted to sit out of PE whilst any form of piercing heals or because they cannot remove their earrings.

Please click on this link to access full details on our TPA uniform policy: [TPA Uniform Policy](#)

If (in rare situations) a student fails to comply with basic uniform or personal presentation expectations we will phone parents and ask that this is rectified immediately (the same day). If you are unsure of what is or is not acceptable, please contact the school in advance of getting hair cut or coloured or purchasing a uniform. The school's decision in relation to these standards is final. My contact email for use over the summer, if needed is Sarah.Dedman@tpa.tsat.uk

Our uniform suppliers are:

- Penelope Ann Schoolwear on Tangier Road in Baffins
- Monkhouse which is an online only school uniform supplier. You can find out more about Monkhouse online at monkhouse.com

We always advise you to buy the uniform early and measure your son or daughter before purchasing items.

We expect all students to wear their uniform in the following way:



Other equipment needed by students for successful learning at TPA each day

All students, every day, are expected to bring with them the following personal equipment. All students will need an appropriate school bag. In this they will need to bring with them.

- 3ps: pens, red pen, pencils
- One: One device and headphones (Years 7-10)
- Their own ruler, rubber
- Mathematics equipment, including a scientific calculator

Students must not bring in compasses or scissors or any other item that potentially could cause a risk to themselves or others.

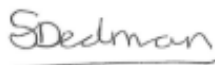
Mobile Phones and other electronic devices

Students are permitted to bring in their mobile phone to school; however, they are not permitted to use these or have them visible at any time during the school day. This includes from the moment they enter the site in the morning until their final lesson of the day has finished. Once school is finished, they are free to use devices. Other electronic devices that the above expectations apply to are portable gaming devices, music playing devices, tablets, Bluetooth speakers.

If parents/carers need to contact a student during the school day, this should be done via the main school reception and any necessary message can be relayed to the student. Equally, if there is a need for a student to contact home, this can (where reasonable) be facilitated by the pastoral team at break or lunchtime. [Parental Communication Letter](#)

We thank you for your continued and ongoing support. It is clear from our improvements that working together to support our students continues to be a strength of the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs S Dedman
Vice Principal