



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform and equipment expectations before we return in September

Uniform

All students are expected to dress in full school uniform at all times on the premises and whilst travelling to and from school. A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all of our students. Wearing our uniform identifies our students, not only with each other, but also as a member of our school community. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. We are very proud of our school uniform and how smart our students look, however It would be fair to say that we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is therefore time to clarify our expectations for students and parents before we return in September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM		P.E. KIT <i>(shown below)</i>	
ITEM	COLOUR	ITEM	COLOUR
SHIRT or BLOUSE	Plain white	PE SHIRT	Bridgewater PE Shirt (Reversible)
TROUSERS or SCHOOL SKIRT	Plain mid-grey. Trousers should be straight leg not skinny fit. Plain, mid-grey with school badge. Skirts should be knee length and not rolled over at the top.	PE POLO SHIRT	Bridgewater PE Polo Shirt (Unisex Cut <u>or</u> Ladies Cut)
JUMPER or CARDIGAN	Navy v-neck	PE SKORT/PE SHORTS	Bridgewater PE Skort or Shorts
BLAZER	Navy with school badge	PE SOCKS	Bridgewater PE Socks or plain navy socks
SOCKS	Plain navy, grey or black. Socks MUST be knee length when worn with a skirt	FOOTBALL BOOTS	Moulded studs for use on 4G playing surface
TIGHTS	Navy/black/opaque/flesh coloured	TRAINERS	
SCHOOL TIE	The appropriate year band tie		
SHOES	Black		



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Wearing of the school uniform correctly is the responsibility of all members of the school community. All form tutors will check that student uniform is correct at the start of the day and then staff will continue to monitor that standards are being maintained as the day progresses. Students can expect to be challenged if they fail to adhere to the school's Uniform Policy.

Any member of staff (teaching or non-teaching) is empowered to reinforce the expected standards of uniform whilst a student is representing Bridgewater High School, so that any issues can be resolved quickly and effectively

Shoes

Black shoes- must be plain and all black. Trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes **are not permitted** including branded sports makes including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse, Stan Smiths and Vans.

Please see pictures below for acceptable and Non Acceptable styles of footwear.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable

We are aware that occasionally there are medical reasons (which should be supported by a note) or school shoes which are damaged and awaiting replacement, which may lead to a short-term temporary shoe replacement. We trust that parents/carers will work with us to ensure their child is back in acceptable school shoes promptly.

Bag

All students will be expected to carry a bag so they can keep their schoolbooks and equipment safe and in good condition.

Jewellery/Make-up and Hair

An observation this year has been the number of girls who are arriving at school with additional ear and nose piercings and long, painted fake nails, which not only contravene the school policy, but are dangerous in lessons such as PE. A side effect of this is the unnecessary confrontation this leads to when the students are asked to follow the school rules and remove the items. Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which



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contravenes this code. Pupils will be removed from their main class whilst parents/carers are contacted so that uniform can be brought back in line with expectations

We respectfully ask therefore that any piercings/acrylic nails that are planned for the Summer Holidays are done at the start of the holidays so that they can be removed by the time pupils return in September.

- One plain signet ring and one pair of plain stud earrings may be worn. Facial piercing such as nose, eyebrow, lip and tongue **are not allowed**.
- Plasters covering piercings will not be allowed
- Make-up should not be worn.
- False eyelashes of any kind are not permitted
- Acrylic nails nor coloured nail varnish are NOT allowed.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme in style or colour.

Uniform non-compliance:

No pupil will be allowed to start their timetabled classes should they not arrive to school in the correct school uniform without a genuine and legitimate reason. Each case will be considered individually but one of the following decisions will be taken, in no particular order:

1. Parents/carers informed and asked to bring the correct item(s) to school so that their child may return to their timetabled lessons.
2. Spare laundered uniform and/or school shoes will be provided when available and pupils will be expected to wear this. If a pupil refuses to wear items of uniform provided by the school, we will impose sanctions according to our behaviour policy.
3. If points 1 or 2 do not rectify the situation then a pupil may be placed into our Internal Isolation. When the correct uniform is being worn the pupil will be allowed to return to their timetabled lessons.

Equipment Expectations

At Bridgewater High School, we take your children's education seriously. We believe that learning readiness is critical to ensuring maximum time in lessons is spent building the skills and knowledge that, through a fantastic education, will contribute to the conversion of their dreams into reality. To ensure that every second, of every minute, of every lesson counts our expectations are that the student has the equipment below with them at the start of every day.

Students should take responsibility for their own equipment and arrive at lessons with all the equipment to participate in the learning.

Form Tutors will start each day with an equipment check and those pupils who are not prepared with regards to the expected equipment (see below) will receive a Personal Development Lesson Score of 3 or 4. Repeated failure to bring the correct equipment may result in further sanctions.



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If you are unable to provide the correct equipment for your child please contact their Form Tutor or Head of Year and they will help to ensure that your child has access to the correct equipment in school.

Compulsory Items:-

Pencil case
Ruler
2 pencils
2 Biro Pen Blue/Black
Rubber
Highlighters
Scientific calculator

Desirable:-

Protractor
Compass
Colouring pencils
Spare writing pens

Items of equipment will be available to purchase from the school to ensure that pupils have the correct equipment each day. Pupils will be informed that if they know they do not have the correct equipment, then they have the chance to purchase the necessary items before the morning equipment check.

Your continued support in ensuring that your child adheres to these specific guidelines is very much appreciated. It is important that we all work together to ensure that students are prepared, smart and professional at school. Ensuring that your child attends school fully prepared and in the correct uniform also demonstrates that they have the right attitude for learning and avoids unnecessary conflict with staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Leaders at school or in the case of uniform, refer to the policy on the website.

Regards

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