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Dear Parents/Carers

## Uniform and Equipment – Ready for the Summer

It is important that we all work together to ensure that students are prepared, smart and professional at school. This letter includes our full uniform list, but I have outlined some of the regular issues we are picking up in school at present. 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.

- Please ensure they have school shoes. Trainers are not part of the school uniform.
- Skirts are optional but if worn, must be knee length and pleated
- One pair of stud type earrings only. No nose studs, tongue, face, or any other kind of piercings. Hooped earrings are not allowed. No rings, bracelets and one small metal necklace. Any piercings must take place in the summer holidays and removable by the start of the Autumn Term.
- Natural hair colours only – no extreme hair dos
- Acrylic/polished nails are not allowed
- Your child must have a school bag every day
- Your child must have a pencil case with the usual equipment in it and spare black or blue pens
- If the jumper is removed, the white shirt should be the school shirt (with logo) for identification purposes
- No hoodies, or anything else instead of a jumper should be worn if it is chilly. A dark blue/black **coat** can go over the jumper.
- It is advisable for all students to have a waterproof coat in case of rain.

Wearing correct school uniform is an essential part of being a student at King Edward VI School. We have high expectations of our students and expect you to dress correctly. No student is allowed into lessons without the correct uniform, unless with a medical note.

To avoid confusion and unnecessary expense, the guidelines below have been written to make clear our uniform requirements. More detailed guidance is available on the school website [here](#).

Questions should be raised with us before buying item(s) which may not conform to our expectations.

Most of our uniform can be purchased from supermarkets. Items including the school's logo are available from Aubyn Davies in town. For those parents/carers wishing to make internet purchases, the same uniform and PE kit is available via their online shop at [www.aubyndavies.co.uk](http://www.aubyndavies.co.uk). Purchases from supermarkets and department stores must match the school uniform requirements in terms of **style and length**.

Any t-shirt worn beneath the school shirt must be plain white and must not extend below the shirt.

Hairstyles which are 'extreme' or attract undue attention are not allowed e.g. shaven styles or dyed hair (unless natural in colour and appearance). It is important to check with a Head of Year before having a hairstyle which may be considered inappropriate.

Hats, caps and other headgear (e.g. large hairbands/bandanas) should not be worn on the school site except out of doors as protection from the sun.

**Please name all items of equipment, clothing and shoes.**

Requirements	Guidance notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school's black V-neck jumper, with embroidered school crest, must be worn at all times. Teacher has to give permission for jumper to be taken off in class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt may be worn</li> <li>Jumpers are compulsory from September to Easter</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White shirt with embroidered school crest</li> <li>Shirts must always be tucked in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No polo shirts may be worn</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain black (not grey), tailored trousers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No trousers which are denim, corduroy, cut away at the bottom, tight-fitting, leggings-style, showing stitched-on pockets or dragging on the floor</li> <li>Belts must be black and in a plain style; no chains</li> <li>If in doubt, send a photo or seek advice before buying</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional: skirts, which must match the official school skirt: tailored, pleated and is one credit card width above the knee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other type of skirt may be worn (e.g. ribbed, puffed, body-con or made of stretchy fabric)</li> <li>Skirt must not be rolled up at the waist</li> <li>If in doubt, please send a photo to the Head of Year for approval before purchasing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensible, black shoes with black soles must be worn, along with black or white matching socks</li> <li>Socks (white or black) <b>or</b> tights (black or neutral) may be worn with a skirt (not both)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following are not allowed: plimsolls, trainers; canvas or casual shoes; large/coloured or decorated shoes/boots</li> <li>We expect traditional, well-constructed, weatherproof, leather (or leather-type) shoes, with a low heel and appropriate sole</li> </ul>
<p>Outdoor waterproof coats, with a zip or buttons may be worn in public areas of schools, but not in classrooms, the Library, or in assemblies</p>	

<b>Compulsory PE kit for all students</b>
Black base layer
Red & black King Edward VI reversible sports shirt
Red knee-length sports socks
Red & black King Edward VI polo shirt
Black shorts
Football or astro boots (boys and girls)
Training shoes
Gum shield
Shin pads

<b>Optional items of PE kit</b>
Black skirt for girls (sport skirt with built in shorts)
Black tracksuit bottoms
Black King Edward VI sports fleece coat

Yours faithfully



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