



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Supporting and clarifying our uniform expectations

As we start the final half term of this academic year, where we welcome a new year group to our school, I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us to secure the highest expectations for all of our students. To ensure that this continues across all aspects of school, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit uniform expectations.

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity and a key component in our commitment to high standards. It sends a clear message to everyone that our students feel pride in their school and reinforces who we are as a community. As a school, we receive regular feedback from the public about how smart our student's uniform is and we take great pride in this. It also helps prepare students for life beyond school where many will be required to dress smartly or perhaps even wear a uniform for work.

In recent weeks, there have been a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform. I want to clarify our expectations so that parents can support us in ensuring that students meet these every day.

The uniform policy is available on the website but for further reference please see the additional guidance below. The expectation is for uniform to be worn correctly throughout the school day including social times as well as on the journey to and from school.

Shirts: White shirt, worn fully tucked in and with the top button done up.

Skirts: Unmodified HGS logo skirt worn with the logo and waistband visible at all times.

Ties: The correct year group tie is to be worn and is to be tied to so that it is just above the waistband of the trousers/skirt.

Blazers/Jumpers: As we approach nicer weather the school jumper is optional; the blazer must be worn unless the summer uniform email has been sent out. An email will be sent daily where the temperature is expected to remain high.

Socks: Black socks which are only permitted to be worn with trousers.

Shoes: Black, flat shoes. No boots, canvas shoes or trainers, this includes branded sports shoes including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse, and Vans. If there is a medical reason that footwear needs to be different, please contact the school to make us aware and if you require any guidance on what acceptable options are.

Coat: Plain, no denim, leather, quilted shirts or hoodies including the HGS PE hoodie.

Makeup, fake tan, false eyelashes, nail varnish/gel/acrylic nails: Must not be worn for school.

Jewellery/body piercings: Students are allowed to wear one ring per hand, two studs per ear, and a plain watch. We do not permit any other jewellery or facial piercings. Students will be asked to remove the extra jewellery and it will be confiscated. Any confiscated items may be collected at the end of the day from reintegration.

Please label all of your child's uniform including their coat to help us to ensure any lost property is returned to its rightful owner

Part of the tutor's role during registration is to check that the uniform is correct. This gives students the opportunity to be all set and ready for the day. A class chart uniform negative is then issued to a student if the uniform is incorrectly worn at any point after registration.

There may be times when for exceptional reasons a student is not in the correct uniform. If this happens we ask you to contact the Year Manager. If you need any support with uniform, we have lots of high quality second hand uniform available through the PTA, otherwise please contact your year manager to discuss this further and how we can support.

We appreciate your support in our high expectations and ensuring all students wear their uniform correctly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Smith', written in a cursive style.

Miss Smith
Deputy Headteacher