

11th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform

I'd like to thank parents and carers for your efforts in ensuring that our students look so smart returning to school this September. We are mindful that some blazer orders are still yet to arrive. The vast majority of our students are maintaining the high expectations that we have come to expect around uniform in recent years.

A small minority of students are testing the boundaries of our uniform expectations, particularly around the length of skirts, the fabric/tightness of trousers and piercings.

Our standards and expectations have not changed, but I would like to remind you that false nails, false eyelashes and heavily adorned belts are not permitted. Blazers should be worn by all students. Jumpers are optionally permitted underneath blazers, but should not be worn as an alternative. Blazers may be removed in lessons, but should be worn around the building other than in very warm temperatures.

With respect to PE kits, if jumpers/tracksuits are worn they should be plain and either black or dark blue. Whilst we continue to allow sports leggings, please consider the suitability of these, ensuring they are of suitable material. We also acknowledge that the amount of PE lessons for some creates the need for additional/spare kit. The weather has been kind to us so far, but spare kit for potentially wet days is really important.

Members of the leadership team are carrying out uniform checks and we will be requesting that families correct any uniform breaches and support us in maintaining our high standards. **If the matter persists** we will be implementing break detentions in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding uniform, please contact your senior tutor or House office. We would much prefer to work with you to ensure that all students are able to meet our high standards.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter and in helping us to maintain standards and improve the aspirations and outcomes of every student here at Ely College.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Mawby
Vice Principal



Skirts must be at least knee length and plain black. Skirts cannot be above the knee or below the ankles. Skirts cannot be tight and “figure hugging”. Skirts cannot have fashion styling such as zips and chains.



Trousers must be full length, tailored fit and plain black. Cropped trousers, denim trousers, jeans, jeggings and culottes are not permitted. Tight or “figure hugging” trousers are not permitted. Fashion trousers, those with zips, beads, chains, studs and/or sequins, are not permitted.

Permitted shoe styles



Shoes must be a full shoe in black and flat in appearance. Suitable styles include lace up, Velcro and buckle.

Shoes styles that are not permitted



Shoes cannot be coloured. Trainers, canvas pumps, and basketball style boots are not permitted. Shoes with ribbons, diamante, studs or other embellishments are not permitted.

I would like to emphasise the importance of our uniform expectations and standards.

These standards and expectations have not changed in terms of the style of trousers, length of skirt, formal shoes and the college blazer that is required.

We have updated our approach and have clarified that false nails and false eyes lashes are not permitted along with heavily adorned belts.

Uniform plays an important role in raising the level of professionalism that is expected from all of our students.