



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents and carers

## End of term – reminder of expectations for September

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to remind all parents of our expectations moving into the new school year. This year, we have seen a fantastic improvement in standards across the school, which have been commented on by both Trust and external visitors. One of our most tangible successes, has been the uplift in uniform and I would like to thank parents and students for your continued support with this. It is important that we now take this time to ensure that all our students are fully prepared to begin the new academic year positively.

### Uniform

Uniform is an integral part of school life. It represents excellence, high standards and a pride in ourselves and our school community. With this in mind, we need to be very clear in our expectations of our uniform and we ask for the continued cooperation of students and parents in maintaining these.

Please read the section below carefully and ensure that your child is in the correct uniform in September. If a student is not appropriately dressed upon our return, they will be required to borrow school supplied uniform. Failure to comply with this will result in sanctions being issued.

As you read, I want to draw your attention to key sections:

- **Skirts** – As with many schools, skirts provide one of our biggest uniform challenges. We have avoided moving to a branded skirt to keep costs low. All families must ensure that skirts are knee length and pleated in style. Tube and tight-fitting skirts must not be worn.
- **Trousers** – we have seen a small number of students wearing leggings. Please ensure that trousers are made from tailored material. Tight fitting / stretchy style leggings are not permitted.
- **Crocs** – For September, we have specifically added Crocs to the list of footwear that is not appropriate for school. All students must wear flat, black, polishable shoes.
- **Jumper** – If a student, wishes to wear a jumper under their blazer, this must be V-neck so that the tie is visible and is to be worn as an addition to, not in replacement of the blazer.
- **Jewellery** – Please ensure that if students are having any additional piercings over the holidays, they will be healed in time to remove upon their return to school. Students are permitted to wear a wrist watch and a single stud earring in each ear only.

Item	Students MUST wear	Students MUST NOT wear
<b>Blazer and tie</b>	Kirk Hallam Community Academy branded blazer and tie worn at all times	No blazer or tie
<b>Shirt</b>	Plain white with a stiff collar, buttoned to the neck and tucked in (can be short or long sleeved)	Polo shirts T-shirts Patterned, coloured or T-shirts with logos, worn underneath the school shirt Shirt with collar worn without the tie
<b>Trousers</b>	Plain black trousers made from tailored material	Skinny or tight trousers Jean or denim material Cropped trousers Leggings or jeggings
<b>Skirts</b>	Option 1: Kirk Hallam Community Academy School Skirt Option 2: Knee length stitched down pleated skirt  The skirt must be tailored material, black and knee length.	Any other skirts including: Tube skirts Pencil skirts
<b>Black Jumper</b>	A plain black V-neck woollen jumper, worn under the blazer with a tie visible	A hooded top or sports sweatshirt worn under the blazer A black V-neck woollen jumper worn instead of the blazer
<b>Tights and socks</b>	Plain black tights and socks	Coloured tights or socks
<b>Coats and outerwear</b>	A sensible coat that can be worn over the blazer	Hooded tops, sweatshirts, zippered sports jackets or jumpers worn over blazers A coat instead of the blazer
<b>Shoes</b>	Plain black formal leather shoes	Trainers or trainer styled footwear. Pumps. Crocs. Shoes with indiscreet logos
<b>School bag</b>	A bag suitable in size to carry books and equipment	Bags too small to carry necessary books and equipment
<b>Other</b>	Watch One pair of small studs Sensible hair styles	Any facial or body piercings False or acrylic nails Unnatural nail or hair colours Unconventional hair styles Excessive make up False eyelashes Any jewellery items other than a watch and one pair of small studs



## Equipment

Being equipped for school is a necessity; it promotes responsibility in our students and allows for lessons to start promptly, without distractions of needing to obtain/distribute equipment.

Minimum expectation:

- A school bag
- A pencil case which contains;
- Black or blue pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Spares of the above (in particular pens and pencils)
- A vocabulary book (provided by the school)
- Character card (provided by the school)

Desirable:

- Calculator
- Sharpener
- Protractor
- Highlighters

Once again, we thank you for all of your support this academic year and we are excited to see our school progress further as we head into the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Turner  
Headteacher