

We would like to say thank you...

At the beginning of term, Mrs Schouten asked you to raise expectations and be more 'Goose', and you have...

- Classrooms are full of excellent learners.
- The starts of lessons are calm, and learning is starting quickly.
- Uniform is looking excellent.
- The corridors and shared spaces feel calmer.
- Lots of AMs have been given this term.
- Over 800 students have taken part in extracurricular opportunities.
- Shared spaces are being left as they were found.



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You asked us 'why a 'silent starter' in all lessons?'

- It allows all students to know how a lesson will begin, supporting those students who don't like uncertainty.
- It creates a calm learning environment to start the lesson.
- It develops your ability to work independently.
- It allows you to revisit prior knowledge and begin to embed it into your long-term memory.



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You asked us 'why plates in the canteen?'

- Better for the environment.
- Ensures students sit and take time to eat with friends in the school day.
- Reduces the litter spread around the school.



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Having uniform expectations that we all follow creates:

- A feeling of belonging.
- Group identity.
- Equality for all.
- A professional learning environment.
- A positive, respectful culture focused on learning.



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Uniform	Expectation	Why
Coats	These must only be worn outside; not in the building.	This is to limit expensive branded clothing being worn and hoods being worn inside. We will ensure the school is warm enough to be comfortable in your uniform.
Trouser Length	Trousers must not be rolled up and must touch the top of shoes.	Our uniform has a smart workwear appearance. Smart formal trousers are designed with no roll-up to avoid fashion trends. Some students have been rolling trousers down when told, but then rolling them up again. Discussion over this is taking too much time.

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Uniform	Expectation	Why
Skirt Length	<p>The general guide is that skirts should end closer to the knee than the hip. They need to be of a suitable length to reflect our smart, workwear approach to uniform.</p> <p>Staff will send students to the uniform area when they feel the skirt needs checking.</p>	<p>Smart, formal skirts are designed to avoid fashion trends.</p> <p>Some students have been rolling skirts up making suitable formal skirts too short for a formal learning environment. Discussion over this is taking too much time.</p> <p>Skirt length should reflect our smart, workwear approach to uniform.</p>

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Make Up	This is allowed, but must be discrete.	Putting on and maintaining elaborate make up is too time consuming in school.
Nose and Ear Piercings	No piercings, spacers or plasters are allowed in noses. One stud in each ear is allowed.	Spacers and plasters are often forgotten and too much time is spent discussing them. The rule also exists on health and safety grounds for some subjects.
Jewellery	If a necklace is worn, it should be under the polo shirt. One bracelet can be worn.	Some jewellery allows for self-expression but chunky jewellery can be a health and safety issue. Also, we do not want to encourage students to bring in expensive items.

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Shoes	Branded skate and sports shoes or trainers are not allowed, but traditional shoe brands such as Clarks, Doc Martens, and Kickers are allowed. Boots are not allowed.	We want to reinforce a feeling of workplace formality with our footwear. The range of boots available is confusing and we do not want teachers and students to be distracted by long discussions about the height/style of boot.
Socks	White, black or grey is allowed; socks should be ankle length only.	Again, we want to make life as simple as possible for everyone, avoiding fashion extremes and lots of unnecessary debate about what is and is not suitable.

Please help us by returning after half term in perfect uniform...

This allows staff to focus solely on your learning, as they will need to spend less time having unnecessary conversations with you around uniform and implementing sanctions for not following our instructions.

Play your part in making your school the best it can be for everybody who spends time in it.

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Thank you for helping us raise our expectations
and
making your school the best it can be...