

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform for the College has been endorsed by the majority of parents, teachers and by students as well.

The requirements of the summer and winter uniforms are clearly spelled out in the diary and yet on a daily basis teachers and office staff have to deal with students who deliberately flout the school uniform policy.

The main problem is the wearing of the fleece of the informal uniform with the formal uniform and the two just do not mix or look smart. The excuse is that the fleece is warm, but the winter uniform has been designed to keep students warm, even in the coldest weather.

Another problem is that girls are wearing foot socks – more suited to sports shoes – than the proper ankle socks. We request that ankle socks – or tights, skin-coloured, or black – be worn. Also, that girls' hair be tied or pinned back off the face, for health and safety reasons.

Once a school has decided on a school uniform, that dress becomes the visible symbol of all the school stands for. If students wear the uniform badly, then inevitably that does influence how the public regards the school. We want students to be proud of attending our school; we want parents to be proud that their children attend our school and this should be manifest in the correct wearing of its uniform.

We ask all parents and students to support the school by adhering closely to the rules about uniform and, if there are any queries, to please phone the school for clarification.

In the near future, the College wants to consult students and parents about the school uniform and, with them, design a uniform that will satisfy all.

Until that time, please help us put the uniform problem behind us and so be able to concentrate on the important issue for school – education.

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