



ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re School Uniform

You will remember at the end of last term I wrote to you about the importance of students being fully compliant with the Academy's uniform policy as it is one of the ways St Paul's is judged by the community.

If you are planning to purchase uniform items over the holiday in preparation for the Summer Term please check the uniform policy which is in the school planner pages 4 – 5 and repeated below for your convenience.

Girls

Years 7 and 8

Navy Blue Blazer
Navy Blue v-neck Pullover
White reverse blouse with SPA logo

Knee-length grey pleated skirt

Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
(Not sports socks and not a combination of socks & tights)

Black shoes *(not high heels, trainers or boots)*

A black or navy school coat
(not leather, suede, fur or denim)

Years 9 and 10

As above, apart from the blouse and skirts, which changes to:
Blue and white striped reverse blouse
Navy blue pleated skirt

Year 11

As above, apart from the blouse, which changes to:
Red and white striped reverse blouse

Boys

Years 7 and 8

Navy Blue Blazer
Navy Blue v-neck Pullover
Lower school tie

Dark grey flannel trousers
(Not jean style or cords)

Plain black or grey socks

Black shoes *(not trainers or boots)*

A black or navy school coat
(not leather, suede, fur or denim)

Years 9 and 10

As above, but with upper school tie

Year 11

As above, but with Year 11 tie

We do not have a uniform coat as such, because we are aware these are extremely expensive items and parents and carers may want to shop around. However, the school coat should be navy blue or black and should be worn over the blazer, which is a key part of the School Uniform, rather than instead of it. **Students are not allowed to have hoodies in school and they must not be worn on the journey to or from school.** The reason for this is quite simple; young people use hoodies to disguise their identities, particularly when they are involved in anti-social behaviour. This is definitely not an image we wish our students to portray.



PE Uniform, Boys and Girls, all years

It is the expectation that all students will bring their full PE kit for every PE lesson irrespective of capacity/injury/illness.

School navy polo shirt

School navy blue tracksuit top

School navy shorts

School navy blue tracksuit bottoms

School navy and white socks

Sports footwear – running trainers

Please also note what is permitted and what is forbidden:

- An appropriate school bag that will carry A4 books and folders.
- Students **may not** wear any form of jewellery even if worn under clothing.
- If you allow or pay for your child to have piercings, these will need to be removed on school days, and not worn to or from school.
- No make-up is allowed, including nail varnish, acrylic nails or nail extensions.
- A plain wrist watch is permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back; this applies to both boys and girls.
- Hair styles and hair colour including braids should be the students' natural hair colouring. Extreme hair styles and colouring are not allowed. The definition of extreme lies with the school. Hair adornments to be plain blue or black.
- Tram lines shaved into hair or eyebrows are not permitted and boys are expected to shave if facial hair is obvious.
- Hoodies are not to be worn in school, or on the journey to and from school.

Forbidden Items:

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| - Jewellery | - Chewing gum* |
| - Cigarettes, matches and lighters* | - Fireworks* |
| - Permanent felt tipped markers* | - Glass bottles* |
| - Weapons of any kind* | - Scissors* |
| - Laser Pens* | - Metal combs* |
| - Oversized packets of snacks/bottles of drinks/energy drinks* | |
| - E-cigarettes/vaporisers/shisha pens* | |

***These items will be confiscated and not returned.**

I would ask that if your child has outgrown their uniform you consider donating it to the school. Your child can bring it into Reception. Thank you to all those families that generously donated uniform last term.

I would strongly encourage you to have all uniform items marked with your child's name, which will allow for lost property to be quickly reunited with their owner.

It has been recently noted that some students have had 'tram lines' shaved into their eyebrows. As a school we do not permit this - see page 4 of the School Planner. The reason we do not allow tram lines is that they are associated with gang membership. By no means are we suggesting that all students who have this are in a gang. However, it is important that our students realise how their choice may be perceived, and assumptions made by their appearance. Students who have tram lines must ensure their eyebrows are filled in until the hair grows back.

If you are considering allowing your child to have any piercings, please note they will have to have them removed for school days and on the journey to and from school. Because of the time needed following a piercing, I would suggest these are done at the beginning of the summer holiday, 21 July, which would allow the 6 weeks of healing required.

As part of the Home School Agreement we ask for your support in ensuring your child is in full school uniform when we return 16 April. If your child is found not to be compliant they are at risk of being sent home, and this would regrettably impact on their Teaching and Learning, which we would want to avoid. If there are any significant problems with uniform, please contact your child's RSL.

I look forward to your continued support as we start the summer term and in the meantime I wish you a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Siobhan Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Siobhan Malone
Head of School