

'Non-Uniform' Guidance

On occasions, students are allowed to wear clothes other than the school uniform. This may include non-uniform days to raise money and awareness for charities, or as a form reward; or when on school trips.

Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that any student dress on these occasions recognises that the school is still a working environment, and further that student dress does not cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the school community.

When not in uniform, therefore, students are to follow the **non – uniform dress code**.

In doing so, the following guidelines are to be adhered to:

- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be of at least mid-thigh length;
- Leggings, if worn, must also be worn with a skirt, dress or other top, of at least mid-thigh length.

The following items are prohibited:

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses;
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops;
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs;
- Baseball caps;
- Clothing which reveals underwear;
- Flip-flops or backless footwear, due to health and safety issues;
- Clothing with offensive logos or text (e.g. swear words)
- The usual School rules for Jewellery, hairstyles and make-up stand for non-uniform days.

It is recognised that this dress code will not cover all issues that may arise. Students may seek to wear, for example, items which have not been covered by the above guidelines, but which are against the general sense of the dress code. In such a case, or given any issue of dispute, the final authority is the Head of School.

All students are expected to arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with this dress code. Should they not do so, then they will be sent home to change by the Head of School. Any student unable to go home to do this will work in isolation for the day.