



Bottisham Village College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform Feedback and Next Steps

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for completing our recent uniform survey and giving us your feedback. I wanted to share some of the headlines from this and explain what we will do next.

- 341 of our parents completed the survey.
- 84% agreed that uniform expectations at BVC are clear to follow.
- 75% agreed that consistent wearing of uniform prevents competition and peer pressure.
- While different examples were mentioned, parents felt that there should be stricter adherence to the uniform policy.
- Within this, 25% of answers related to skirt length.

Based on this feedback, it is clear that you would like us to take greater steps to ensure students are consistently wearing our uniform correctly and with pride. It also underlines the importance of acting when students choose not to wear our uniform correctly.

After reviewing and discussing this feedback with the school leadership team, we will be introducing some changes to the way we manage uniform expectations from the start of the new school year (September 2024):

- Students will enter the college through the entrance near the bus bays or through reception.
- Members of staff will be checking student uniforms at these entrances each day as students arrive at school.
- Students who are not in correct uniform will be provided with an alternative item of correct uniform to borrow or buy (we will have a range of new uniform that students can borrow/buy). A member of our pastoral team will accompany the student and provide them with a suitable item to change into.
 - **With regards to skirts, these must be knee length**
- A uniform detention will be given.

To support students preparation for September we will be making all students aware of this in the last week of term, in form time and assemblies.

Please let us know before the end of term (Monday 22 July 2024) if you will need any support to ensure your child meets these uniform expectations.

Our student survey also highlighted other areas of uniform that they would like us to manage more strictly, including making sure the rules regarding false eyelashes, acrylic nails and hooped earrings. We will also be monitoring these areas carefully and ask that you also support us in making sure students do not attend school with these items.



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One area that we have also listened to is being more lenient on the number of stud earrings students can wear, and we have decided to allow more than one pair to be worn from September onwards.

Below we have provided a reminder of our uniform expectations – which can also be found on our website.

School Uniform

Uniform		Notes
College polo shirt Branded item		Compulsory from BVC Webshop (A plain white or black short-sleeved t-shirt may be worn discreetly under the polo shirt.)
College sweatshirt Branded item		Compulsory from BVC Webshop
College regulation trousers, skirts or tailored black shorts Non branded		Skirts can be purchased from high street outlets or BVC webshop: straight black plain skirt, A-line skirt or black pleated skirt only no badge required Trousers can be purchased from high street outlets or the BVC webshop: smart black, tailored, full length trousers, no badge required Leggings, black jeans, jogging bottoms & skirts made of elasticated/stretchy material are not acceptable
Shoes		Plain black, traditional style - suitable for movement around a large, busy school No distinctive markings or logos
Socks		Black, white or grey White or grey socks must not be worn over tights
Tights		Black or neutral
Jewellery		The only jewellery allowed is one small, plain stud in the lobe of pierced ears. Nose studs and other facial/body piercings are not
Hairstyles		Extreme haircuts and colours are not acceptable
Make Up		Any make-up which is obvious and noticeable is not acceptable. Nail varnish, false eyelashes acrylic /shellac nails are not acceptable



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PE Kit

While talking about uniform, we wanted to remind you that students should only be wearing navy blue items for their PE kit. No black or grey tracksuit or jogging bottoms are allowed.

PE Uniform		
All students		Notes
Branded College PE polo shirt, short sleeved with collar		Compulsory from BVC Webshop Dark blue PE top Students in all years can still wear light blue tops if they want to or they can change to the new style.
Navy sweatshirt optional		Available from high street outlets or BVC Webshop No large logos or stripes
Navy Jogging bottoms training pants or sports leggings plain navy Optional		Available from high street outlets or BVC Webshop No fashion leggings, large logos or stripes
Astro trainers <u>must</u> be worn on the 3G pitch during curriculum time and social time. Football Boots Optional Students will need football boots if taking part in competitive sports		Examples of boots and trainers
Sky blue or white knee length socks or white ankle socks		Available from high street outlets or BVC Webshop
Shinpads & Mouthguard		Available from high street outlets
Navy Blue Sports 	Navy Blue football 	Available from high street outlets or BVC Webshop No large logos or stripes Shorts must be loose style NOT tight fitting
		Shorts with skirt overlay Optional - can be worn instead of shorts Available from high street outlets or BVC Webshop
One piece swimming costume & towel	Swimming trunks & towel	Available from any high street outlets



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Helping students be ready to learn - pencil cases

All students must also have a pencil case with appropriate equipment each day to be ready to learn. To help students get this right more consistently we also ask for your help to check that students are bringing the right things with them each day.

We recommend the following items:

- Pencils
- Pens (at least two; black or blue ink)
- Ruler (30cm)
- Rubber
- Maths Set (*we recommend the Oxford Maths Set with Storage tin*)
- Highlighters
- Glue stick
- Pair of scissors
- Calculator (Casio Scientific Calculator FX85GTXSUT)

I am positive that working together on this as a community we will be able to achieve more consistency, students will wear the uniform with pride and arrive at school more focused and ready for learning.

Kind regards

Mrs J Rankine
Principal