

Queen Elizabeth High School Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am taking this opportunity to write to you, before the end of term, to thank you for your contribution to the school this year and for the support you have provided for your child/children to engage in school life.

As we look forward to next year and our pupils returning to school I wanted to take this opportunity to make clear the rules surrounding school uniform and what is and what is not acceptable as school attire.

The school supports high standards of uniform for all because of our belief in inclusion, community and safety.

As a school we pride ourselves on valuing all pupils through equality and inclusion. Uniform is one way to express this. Secondly, as a secure community we foster a shared responsibility. We are proud of our pupils and our pupils are proud of belonging to Queen Elizabeth High School. Uniform is one way to exhibit this. Finally, safety is of paramount importance. Uniform is one way to ensure this.

As a proud and successful school, uniform is one way that we meet the expectations for excellence that we strive for.

Piercing

Earrings: The school will allow one pair of small stud earrings. Hoops or long earrings present a health and safety risk and are, therefore, unacceptable. The school will not allow tongue studs, nose rings or lip piercings. The practice of placing a plaster over a piercing is no longer acceptable. **Pupils, should they wish to, are encouraged to have new piercing made at the start of the summer holidays. This gives sufficient times for piercings to heal and allows pupils to comply with school rules when they are asked to remove items on their return to school in September.**

Pupils will be asked to remove piercing should they break school rules, and we reserve the right to confiscate items where there is persistent refusal to cooperate with school rules.

Jewellery:

The school permits the wearing of a watch. All other jewellery should be discrete and minimal. However, pupils should be prepared to remove these items if requested to do so by a member of staff in a practical lesson or where there might be a Health and Safety concern. Jewellery will not

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be permitted to be worn during PE lessons. The security of such items remains the responsibility of the pupil at all times.

Coats/Hoodies/Scarves:

Coats have to be plain (some piping is acceptable) with no slogans or large motifs. Coats and hoodies cannot be used as jumpers and must be removed once inside the school building.

Shoes/trainers:

All black shoes and trainers are permitted. Trainers and shoes should have no coloured flashing or stripes. Girls are required to wear shoes with a sensible heel that are suitable for school and that do not prove a Health and Safety risk. Boots are allowed in winter provided that they are worn underneath trousers.

Trousers and skirts:

No black jeans or denim. Trousers and skirts are to be tailored and neat and are of an appropriate length. No lycra, leggings, jeggings or clinging material are permitted. Examples of acceptable and unacceptable uniform can be found on our school website:

<http://www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/>

As a guide, some images have been included, please see attached.

We do not wish there to be any ambiguity/confusion. As a school it reflects the views of pupils and staff. We hope parents will support us in reinforcing this uniform code. The school reserves the right to decide on what we feel is appropriate and suitable and pupils are expected to be presentable at all times. We will endeavour to keep pupils in school and in education. However, we will regard regular failure to comply with school rules as defiance and will, where necessary, take an appropriate course of action within the framework of the school's discipline policy.

After a busy and rewarding year, we look forward to celebrating exam achievements with our GCSE and post 16 students in August. Reception will be open in August on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 and the following week on Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd between 9am-2pm. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

May I wish you and your family a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Nadine Thomas
Acting Headteacher