

To parents/carers of all students in Years 7 to 10

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Uniform

During the summer break, many of you will be purchasing new items of school clothing ready for the next school year in September. In order to start the new school year with all students wearing correct uniform, I would be grateful if you would ensure that the correct items are purchased. Particular areas of recent concern have been inappropriate trousers, both for girls and boys, unsuitable skirts and footwear. The following is taken from our uniform list and may be helpful in guiding your purchasing decisions:

- Trousers must be plain black and of reasonable length and width. Patterned trousers, jeans, skinny, leggings style are not acceptable. Trousers should be a 'standard' fit, i.e. not those which are worn with the waistband in a very low position. Trousers with obvious zips as pockets are not suitable. For girls in particular, the tight 'Miss Sexy' and similar trousers are not acceptable.
- Girls' skirts must be plain black and in a simple style. Skirts which are tight, stretchy or short are not acceptable.
- Shoes should be black, grey or brown and suitable for school. Trainers are not acceptable unless they are black and have no other markings or colours. If boots are worn, trousers must not be tucked in. Ugg style boots are not acceptable. Dr Marten style boots should not be worn.
- all students must have a white shirt which has a 'top' button which can be fastened in order to accommodate the school tie which clips on to the shirt above the top button.
- Hairstyles should be tidy and inconspicuous. Extremes of fashion are not acceptable. No artificial hair colour, e.g. pink, blue streaks

The full uniform list is available on the school website – <http://klbschool.org.uk/school-uniform/>

In order to support parents when purchasing school uniform, we have compiled a document showing examples of what is and what is not acceptable. This has been placed on the school website, the direct link is <http://klbschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Uniform-Policy-Examples-2016.pdf> This clarification should help us to avoid difficulties in the future. There may still be some cases where judgement has to be used. I am sure that you will understand that where there is a difference of opinion, my decision has to be final.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents about jewellery. We have very few problems with inappropriate jewellery during the year but there are sometimes issues with new piercings at the start of the school year. Girls are allowed to wear one ear stud in each ear, boys are not allowed to wear ear studs. If your child is to have a piercing which will accommodate jewellery beyond these limits, would you please ensure that the piercing is made at the start of the holiday so that the hole is established by the start of next term allowing the jewellery to be removed during the school day.

We will continue to enforce our uniform rules and students who do not wear correct uniform should expect to be sanctioned. We keep a stock of key uniform items and if a student arrives with incorrect uniform, they may be told to change the offending items for correct clothing which will be loaned to them.

All uniform is available from Initially Yours, either from their website (www.initiallyyours.co.uk) or from their retail outlet in Yate at Unit 4A Badminton Centre, Station Road, BS37 5HT.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely



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