



ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

School Uniform and Routines

Dear Parent/Carer

We very much appreciate your support in ensuring that all our pupils at the College have settled in since returning after Lockdown. It has been wonderful to see all our young people happy to be back in school, meeting up with friends and engaged in their learning.

Now that we have settled back into school life I am writing to clarify a few points relating to school uniform and routines.

Uniform

Since the beginning of term, we have had a more relaxed attitude in our expectations of school uniform. This has been to allow us to concentrate primarily on pupils feeling welcomed back to school and feeling safe in the new school environment. However, uniform is an important part of school routine. For us it ensures a level of belonging and also helps pupils concentrate on their core business of study and learning. Coming back after Lockdown the majority of our pupils have chosen to retain their traditional uniform and have worn it with great pride. For these reasons, after October break we will be expecting all pupils to wear **full school uniform**, including blazer and tie. Girls may choose to wear a reverse collar shirt and no tie. No other amendments are permitted. On PE and games days, pupils should arrive at school wearing full PE kit with the College tracksuit over it or full PE kit with the Mid-Layer and plain black lycra leggings. Please note pupils **should not** wear hoodies, patterned leggings, different coloured t-shirts or sweatshirts or any item that is not on the College sports kit list. Due to current restrictions, around changing facilities, girls are advised to wear plain black lycra leggings instead of the skirt.

We feel that we need to remind pupils of other uniform expectations. Again, we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your son/daughter abides by these rules in order to maintain our high standards of appearance.

Any other items of clothing (coats, hats, gloves and hair accessories) are to conform in colour (dark green, grey or black) and style so as compatible and not detract from the school uniform.

Jewellery (including bracelets and rings) is not to be worn. One plain stud in the lobe of each ear is permitted.

Make-up is not to be worn at all in S1-S3. In S4-S6 make-up may be worn provided it is natural and minimal. Eye make-up, fake tan, nail varnish and fake nails are not permitted.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our expectations of uniform please contact me at IErskine@stalloysius.org

Mobile Phones

We accept that parents/carers may wish their child to have a mobile phone for their journey to and from school. However, all such devices must be switched off upon arrival at the College. Pupils are not allowed to use their phones during the school day. They should carry phones in their blazers or bags. Any member of staff who sees a pupil with a mobile phone will challenge the pupil and report it to the appropriate Year Head. If a pupil needs to contact a parent/carer or vice versa during the school day this should be done via the Year offices.

Being prepared for class

All pupils should be well prepared for class ensuring they bring all stationery, textbooks, jotters and iPad. All homework should be submitted on time and completed to the best of their ability. Thank you, as always, for your support in reminding your son/daughter the importance of uniform and school routines. They allow us all to keep our standards high and concentrate on teaching, learning and pupil wellbeing.

Kindest regards

Mrs Erskine
Senior Depute