

To: All Parents/Carers

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the academic year and we look towards a fresh start in September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind both students and parents/carers of the uniform expectations at Taverham High School. We wanted to give you advanced notice that staff will be checking uniform on the school gates from September and students in the incorrect uniform will be asked to return home to change into the correct uniform.

All students are required to follow the uniform expectations at Taverham High School. Wearing incorrect uniform is set out in the school's behaviour policy as a barrier to learning and sanctions will apply. By ensuring the standards of uniform are upheld across the school we hope our students will develop pride in all they do which will maximise their progress throughout their time at the school.

As you are aware, all new Year 7 students in September will be expected to wear the new school uniform. All other year groups have the option of wearing the new uniform or continuing with the current uniform. Students who wish to wear the new uniform must wear all the new uniform and not 'mix and match' with the current uniform for students in Years 8 to 11. House Ties are associated with tutor groups and are as below:

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In addition to the introduction of the new uniform at school there has been an additional amendment to the current uniform policy which will apply to all students from September, as follows:

- Footwear such as black polishable trainers, for example Nike Airforce 1, will not be acceptable. Shoes should be plain black and polishable. Shoes cannot be canvas, suede or nubuck. Please see the attached poster for guidance on what is and what is not acceptable footwear from September, with suggested websites and retailers that cover a wide range of budgets.

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For students who wish to remain wearing the outgoing uniform it consists of the following items:

- Polo Shirt: blue, embroidered with school logo
- Sweatshirt: light grey, embroidered with school logo
- Cardigan: light grey, embroidered with school logo
- Skirt: black, plain. Skirts must be at least knee length
- Trousers: black, plain, full-length, tailored. Trousers cannot be jeans, leggings, chinos or canvas type material
- Shorts: black, plain, tailored and knee length
- Shoes: plain black, polishable. Shoes cannot be canvas, suede or nubuck. No trainer style shoe.
- Any coat that is worn should not bear offensive or derogatory writing or images.

Non-school 'hoodies' are not permitted in school and will not be considered as an alternative to a coat. The following 'hoodies' are permitted as part of our school uniform: THS Sports Leader, THS Sports and THS ELF. Please note that students are not permitted to wear 'hoodies' that belong to older siblings or friends for example THS Year 11 or Ski Trip 'hoodies'

Make-up and Jewellery

The following items are acceptable in school:

- A single or one pair of discreet stud earrings is allowed in the earlobe. No other body piercings are acceptable because of the potential Health and Safety issues. Plasters covering such piercings are not acceptable
- Discreet, natural make-up
- Natural nails without varnish, polish or extensions
- The wearing of rings is not permitted in school

As a polite request, if you give your child/ward consent to have a new piercing over the summer holiday please ensure that they can remove it for the start of term and/or have a clear retainer.

PE Kit

- Trainers: ensure they offer suitable grip & support (Converse are not PE trainers)
- PE Sweatshirt: navy embroidered with school logo
- Polo Shirt: navy with Royal panel, embroidered with school logo
- Shorts or Skort: navy with Royal panel, embroidered with school logo
- Leggings: navy embroidered with school logo or plain thick navy blue leggings
- Tracksuit bottoms: navy embroidered with school logo or plain navy blue
- Socks: royal blue

We still have a few pieces of second-hand uniform that can be purchased from school. Items are sold for £1. If you would like to purchase items, please contact the school to arrange a time to come in.

Should you be facing financial hardship and your child/ward is entitled to a free school meal, please contact Mr Day by email jr.day@taverhamhigh.org to request assistance with the cost of the uniform. If your child/ward is not receiving free school meals but you are concerned about any aspect of the uniform, please speak with their Head of Year who will support you with the matter.

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If you require any clarification on any aspect of the school uniform, again please do not hesitate to contact your child/ward's Head of Year.

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward is in correct school uniform for September and we wish you all a very happy summer holiday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Ricketts', written in a cursive style.

Miss R Ricketts
Deputy Head

Taverham High School Footwear Requirements

Trainers, plimsolls or canvas shoes of any description **must not** be worn. All school shoes should be formal and polishable with no decoration or frills. Black Nike Air Force 1s will not be permitted as school footwear. See below for more examples of what is and what is not acceptable.



Acceptable

Black polishable school shoes only.



Unacceptable

No canvas, trainers, pumps, plimsolls, walking boots, boots, Vans or Converse. Shoes must be flat with no platform or high heel and must be below the ankle.



The following retailers are recommended for purchasing school shoes, catering for a varied price range:

Clarks: www.clarks.co.uk Shoezone: <https://www.shoezone.com> Deichmann: www.deichmann.com

ASDA, Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer, NEXT, John Lewis, Schoolshoes.co.uk,