



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

21st May 2018

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Dear Parent/Carer

We recently celebrated our Year 11 students completing five years in the classroom at HGS as they embark on their exams. Their final Friday consisted of a highly enjoyable event co-ordinated by Mr Taylor and Mrs Hanson, including a barbecue (from the talented and food-safety-qualified Mr Roberts), a bouncy castle and team games (provided by the committed PE department under Mr Walker's leadership). It was all accompanied by much emotion, as you might expect being something of the 'end of an era'. We anticipate seeing the vast majority returning to our sixth form in September and wish them all the very best for their exams, which have started this week. We will continue our support for them throughout via subject-based booster sessions.

However, as one year group departs, our attention turns ever more to those who remain. One item that has increasingly come to light is the issue of uniform. We attempt to be flexible with this wherever possible, but I feel a reminder would be useful as we progress into the final half term of the year with Years 7-10.

Particular trends we have seen of late have included:

- Shirt collars too tight for top buttons to be done up, or shirts that are not styled in line with those we require in our uniform policy;
- Skirts that have become very short (often as students have grown);
- Trousers that do not comply with uniform policy due to being far too tight, too short and/or lacking in tailoring;
- Trainer socks that leave a significant gap between trouser and shoe;
- Socks of various colours;
- Shoes that do not comply with our uniform guidance.

While we fully recognize that our students are going to grow - and very fast in some cases! - we would very much appreciate parents taking the opportunity provided by the half term holiday to ensure that the uniform their child/children is/are wearing to school is appropriate, suitable and matches our rules. We will be asking form tutors to check this every morning for the next few weeks, and they will be letting us know where there are issues so that we can address these appropriately.

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Please note that we do not wish to institute draconian laws, but we do need clarity and consistency when it comes to student dress; uniform should, after all, be uniform! I have attached a copy of our uniform policy in order to provide guidance should it be needed. It has been updated to provide more explicit indicators. We would very much appreciate parental support on this to get us off to the best possible start in September, having clearly established standards and set the tone over the course of the last few weeks of this academic year.

My thanks in advance for your support - and my best wishes for an enjoyable bank holiday week with your offspring.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Bulley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Nathan Bulley

Headteacher

School Uniform - 2018/19

- School blazer
- Regular fit, tailored school uniform trouser – charcoal grey or plain black.
- Pleated or plain brown skirt (length on or below the knee)
- White stiff collared shirt (long enough to tuck in) buttoned to the neck, long or short sleeved (no capped sleeves).
- School tie in brown and gold stripe with house colour badge
- Grey school pullover (optional)
- Short grey or black socks (not trainer socks) or plain tights (black, brown or beige – 40 denier or more)
- Sensible plain black leather 'school / formal' shoes with flat heels. (high heels, boots, trainers and canvas shoes are not allowed)
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and in keeping with the uniform (in brown, black or dark grey material)

For Physical Education and Games

- School shorts or school skirt
- School polo shirt & school games shirt
- School black tracksuit bottoms for winter (optional)
- School football socks with house colour
- Indoor and outdoor trainers for use both in Sports Hall School and on the MUGA.
- Football boots (moulded studs or plastic blades)
- School training jacket (optional)
- Protective equipment: shin pads & gum shield Astroturf trainers
- Towel for showers

Headscarves should be removed for PE and games or should be tight fitting or of balaclava style.

If you have any queries regarding the school uniform, please discuss this with school prior to purchasing. All property must be marked in full with owner's name. Parents will be notified of any changes in writing.

Make-Up, Hair & Piercings

Students should not attend school with a hairstyle, which by virtue of its colour or style is designed to attract attention e.g. sculptured styles or bright colours. The shaving of patterns into the hair is specifically forbidden. Long hair will need to be tied back in certain practical lessons and always in PE and games. Slides, clips, headscarves and headbands should be brown, black or grey.

Only one pair of stud earrings may be worn – one in each ear. No other visible piercings will be allowed. If any other piercings are carried out the jewellery inserted must in all cases be removed during the school day.

Students should not wear make-up and/or nail varnish.