

1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. It has been great to see our students back in school over the last few weeks. As we approach the end of our spring term and embark on our summer term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind students, parents and carers of our high expectations.

The school has a dress code that every Ninestiles student is expected to follow. We place a strong emphasis on high standards and students must appreciate that not all items of clothing are appropriate for a learning environment. Our dress code is practical and allows a choice within very clear boundaries.

- Students are to attend school no later than 08:30 ready for a prompt 08:40 start, wearing clean, smart, full school uniform that meets the high standards required of all.
- Boys' and girls' trousers should be black and tailored; jeans / tracksuits / leggings / very flared trousers / very tight trousers / knee length trousers / trousers that gather at the ankle are not considered appropriate wear. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
- Skirts must be black with the Ninestiles logo; straight, tight, midi length skirts are not considered appropriate uniform. Skirts must be worn around knee length, not rolled up to make a mini skirt.
- A Ninestiles branded blazer with white shirt and full-length Ninestiles tie must be worn. Blazer sleeves are not to be rolled up.
- All of our students must bring a bag with them each day. This bag must be able to accommodate A4 workbooks, full equipment, student planner and a face covering; pouches are not considered uniform or acceptable at Ninestiles and must not be brought onto site.
- Footwear must be smart, polishable, black shoes; this does not include any sports branded footwear. Formal footwear should not have a logo or be of suede material and will be completely black, including the sole of the shoe.
- In line with our uniform and equipment expectations, which can be found on the school website, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 cannot wear make-up and Years 10 and 11 should only wear subtle make-up with no heavy colourings or false lashes.
- Students will be asked to remove false eyelashes and these will be stored by the academy ready for parental collection.
- Jewellery should be a maximum of one pair of small, stud earrings and one ring and necklace/chain worn under uniform. Any jewellery that does not conform to this will be removed by students and stored securely, ready for parental collection.
- All facial jewellery or visible body piercing is inadmissible. Plasters cannot be worn to cover piercings.
- Hair should be sensibly styled with no extreme designs or unnatural colours.
- False nails and coloured varnish are not permitted. Students will be asked to remove false nails and nail varnish.
- Hats and caps must not be worn on the school site at any point during the day.
- Students must remove coats prior to entering school at their assigned entrance, placing them in their bag or carrying them sensibly. Coats should not be worn inside at any point throughout the school day. Outerwear worn inside the school building will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

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- Hoodies are not permitted on site other than our HAL branded sports hoodie for HAL lessons only.
- Students are to continue to wear full Ninestiles branded HAL kit on days where they have a HAL lesson but must do so with the addition of their Ninestiles blazer over the top.
- The correct HAL kit consists of a HAL polo shirt, worn with either navy HAL joggers or HAL leggings, a HAL branded hoodie and trainers.
- No sports branded or fashion clothing should be worn in replacement or over the top of HAL branded kit.

It's important that learning and unstructured time isn't interrupted by mobile technology. Students' mobile phones, headphones (including ear pods) and speakers must not be seen or heard at any time in or around school. If seen anywhere on site, including at break and lunch time and before and after school, items will be confiscated and parents or carers will be asked to collect these at a convenient time after school. Smart watches (including Apple watches) must not be used for anything other than telling the time.

To avoid embarrassment or unnecessary cost, if a student or parent is in any doubt about a hairstyle, or the purchase of an item of clothing, they should speak with their Director of Year before going ahead. Students will be asked to rectify any hairstyle, or replace any item of clothing, at their expense, that is perceived to be unsuitable for school. Students are strongly advised to label all items of clothing with their full name and year group.

Many of the local school uniform shops are offering a Click and Collect service to ensure high standards of uniform can still be met. Please contact school if you require any support with uniform or equipment. We have an in-school wardrobe that can temporarily provide uniform for those that attend school not meeting expectations. Where students do not attend the academy in the correct uniform, we will work to support them with this. They will be kept out of circulation where they can continue with their learning whilst we support them to resolve these issues.

In our drive to ensure the highest possible outcomes for our young people, and in line with our core values, we work exceptionally hard to develop students that demonstrate respect, commitment and achievement in all aspects of their life. We are very grateful for your continued support with this, ensuring that our high expectations are met.

Kind regards



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