

Dear Parent/Carer

## Uniform Guidance

At Longsands Academy, we firmly believe that uniform plays a vital role in contributing to the ethos of our learning environment and setting the appropriate tone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support in implementing this policy, and when required, replacing items of clothing that are deemed unsuitable. The vast majority of students look smart, and are a credit to their parents/carers and the Academy.

There are a small, but significant, number of issues which persist, notably:

- Short skirts which do not meet our requirement for them to be of knee-length; these are often very tight which, even when adjusted, do not remain at the required length. Jersey/Body-con skirts are not acceptable.
- skinny style trousers;
- occasional instances of students wearing black jeans and leggings;
- false, acrylic or gel nails
- facial piercings

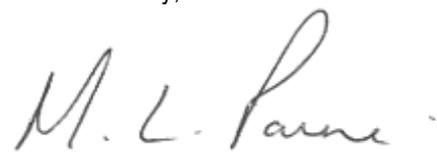
May we take this opportunity to request that more suitable items which fulfil our policy are purchased over the summer break in time for the new academic year in September. Suitable uniform is available through the link on our website (under information) and, of course, please do feel able to clarify what is suitable with the relevant Head of School/Head of Year.

Attached is a reminder of our uniform policy for September which will also be available in logbooks in the usual manner. Please note that items purchased from our supplier will normally avoid any instances where students have to be challenged by staff about their uniform. *I would, therefore, strongly advise that all uniform items are purchased from our supplier, wherever possible.*

Financial assistance for help with buying items of school uniform is available to parents of children who attract additional funding through Pupil Premium. We would also like to remind parents that all uniform should be named if we are to reunite students with any missing garments.

In the final weeks of this term, Tutors and Student Support staff have reminded students of our expectations for September and will highlight any aspects which we would like addressed via a sticker in their logbook, briefly outlining the issue.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Paine  
Headteacher