



8 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year!

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a lovely break.

As we start a new term tomorrow, we are delighted to be welcoming your daughter back into school.

In preparation for the cold weather that has been predicted, we have made the decision for students to be allowed to use their own form rooms at break time and lunch time over the next two-week period.

There have been a number of new staff members joining us this term and therefore there have been a number of timetable changes. We urge students to recheck their timetables on their Teams calendar.

In order to make a positive return to school I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form (TGS) uniform expectations, a summary of which can be found below.

Students who return to school in incorrect uniform, such as incorrect footwear, with false nails or wearing fake eyelashes will be asked to change or remove these. Any student who does not correct their uniform may be sent home or may spend the day working in supervision.

If your daughter has had any modifications which are not part of the school uniform policy, for example eyelash extensions or false nails over the festive period, we would appreciate it if this could be addressed today so that she is fully prepared for her return to school tomorrow. Lashes can safely be removed with an oil-based make-up remover and nails using an acetone-based polish remover. I would also ask that you remind students that blazers and lanyards must be worn at all times and should not be carried.

At TGS we pride ourselves on high expectations for all and behaviour is outstanding. We know that this is only achieved through a collaborative approach and your support is always much appreciated. I hope that we can continue to count on your support to ensure that both teachers and students are able to spend their time focusing on teaching and learning.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Make-up, false eyelashes, nail varnish or jewellery - must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery which are not in line with the policy will be confiscated. If ears are already pierced, one small pair of studs only. Other piercings including nose, tongue and facial piercings are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them. All studs should be removed for PE. False eyelashes, make-up and nail varnish (including extensions) are not permitted in any circumstance and students will be expected to remove these.

Hair - if hair is dyed it should only be in natural colours.

Footwear - students should wear black leather shoes. Please do not buy boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes, including branded sports makes including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse and Vans as these will not be permitted.

Below you will find a clear list of the compulsory items for your daughter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

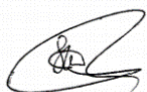
Compulsory Items:

- *Navy-badged blazer*
- *Tartan skirt (worn at an acceptable length) or plain navy trousers*
- *White reverse blouses*
- *Navy jumper with logo*
- *Plain navy or black coat or jacket*
- *Navy or black tights or ankle or knee high plain white socks - leggings are not permitted*
- *Flat heeled black leather type shoes*
- *Cream apron for Food Tech*
- *Blue apron for DT*
- *Strong school bag, preferably a rucksack*

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Head/Head of Lower School

