



Sir Graham Balfour School

Member of Sir Graham Balfour Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

As the summer the term has progressed, we have noticed some uniform transgressions beginning to appear amongst some of our students. Therefore, I would like to send this communication to raise some issues that have become apparent and clarify questions we have received

Skirts

Some skirts have become shorter and shorter during the summer term. However, where we respect that society should be educated not to demean what girls wear, we at school play a role in teaching girls what are acceptable length of skirts for the workplace. Therefore, we are introducing the simple fingertip rule, this is where a girl hangs her arms to the side of her body and her skirt length should be below her middle finger. If in September, the skirt is above the middle finger we will ask students to change their skirt into one of the many spare skirts we have in school. May I take this opportunity to remind you that stretchy tube skirts are not allowed.

School shoes

Plain black sensible polishable shoes (no logo), maximum 3cm inner edge of heel, no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes.

Jewelry including facial piercings

Whilst wearing masks a small number of students took the opportunity to have their nose pierced. Wearing any facial piercings, including nose studs, is not allowed. Flat, see-through retainers can be worn to avoid any noses that have been pierced from healing up, but from experience this should not be an issue. If your son/daughter has not got their nose pierced, can I suggest this waits until they have left school.

Students will be required to remove any items of jewelry which contravenes the dress code; they will be confiscated and given to Main Office until parents collect them from school.

Make Up

Subtle make-up is acceptable – this is natural foundation and includes clear nail varnish and a subtle coat of mascara.

Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed. If you have a family function during term time, may I suggest you do not allow your son/daughter to have nail extensions/gel nails/false nails fitted as we will ask you to have them removed.

Second-hand uniform

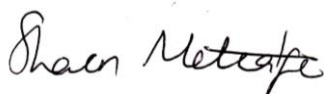
We have a large stock of new and washed secondhand uniform in school. If any families are struggling to purchase items please contact office@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk where we will hopefully be able to help.

Please see our Uniform Rules for further clarification on what your son/daughter is required to wear at all times. In essence, we will support you in buying affordable, good quality clothing for school which your children must accept they wear because the rules are very clear. We want to make it easier for parents and help reduce any issues there may be over what is and isn't acceptable uniform. We believe that this guidance does that and gives you lots of choice over possible suppliers.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning

well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

I very much look forward to seeing all the children in perfect uniform in September.



Sharon Metcalfe
Deputy Headteacher

Boys and Girls Uniform		Comment
Blazer	Navy blue blazer with badge on chest pocket and sleeves rolled down.	NO student is permitted to not wear their blazer in and around school except during extremely warm weather. Students have a choice whether to wear their blazer during lessons. Blazer sleeves are NOT allowed to be rolled up. Parents will be notified if blazers do not need to be worn in times of warm weather.
Trousers	Standard dark grey trousers.	NO hipster, skinny, flared trousers, jeans or trousers with exposed fashion buttons, laces or zips.
Belts	Plain black belt.	NO large belt buckles.
Skirt	Dark grey knee length skirt.	NO jersey skirts (e.g. tube skirt) and skirts MUST NOT be rolled up.
Shirt	White cotton shirt or blouse. These may be either long or short sleeved but must be capable of being tucked into trousers or skirts and must be tucked in at all times. There must be a top button that can be done up so that the clip-on tie can be attached.	NO Short fitted blouses or un-tucked shirts.
Jumper/ Cardigan	Navy blue "V" necked sweater or cardigan (optional) worn underneath their blazer.	NO Hoodies.
Tie	School Tie – Clip-on with House colour.	NO ties unclipped or positioned lower than the top button in school.
Socks	Plain, dark socks (Black or Grey), white socks	NO coloured socks or leggings.
Tights	Black, grey or flesh coloured.	NO patterned tights, lace tights, fishnet tights, coloured tights or footless tights.
Shoes	Sensible, plain, black leather or PVC leather school shoes with sensible heels (height 3cm). They must be plain black shoes and if they have laces they must be black.	NO fabric, canvas, trainers, converse, sports shoes, pumps, sandals, creepers, wedges, dance slippers, sling backs, mules or boots.
Coat	Plain coats are recommended but not compulsory. Coats to be worn over uniform to and from school.	NO coats worn in school and they must not have inappropriate logos.
Bag	Large enough and strong enough to carry the necessary books.	NO small handbags that cannot fit books.

Make up	Subtle make-up is acceptable - this is natural foundation and includes clear nail varnish and a subtle coat of mascara.	<p>NO blusher or bronzer.</p> <p>NO thickly coated eyelashes, false eyelashes, eye shadow, eyeliner or heavily pencilled in eyebrows.</p> <p>NO false nail extensions, clip-on nails or coloured nail varnish.</p> <p>Teachers reserve the right to ask students to remove excess make-up at their discretion.</p>
Hair Styles	Sensible hair styles.	NO extreme hair colour or styles /shaved patterns (natural tones only).
Hair Accessories	Plain, dark blue or black hair bands or bobbles.	NO coloured hair bands, bobbles or large flowers.
Jewellery	<p>A watch and one small plain gold or silver stud per ear. All other body piercings (tongue, nose, lips, belly button, eyebrow etc.) are forbidden on the grounds of health and safety in and around school.</p> <p>A religious bangle may be worn and any religious necklace can be worn underneath the shirt, to be confirmed in writing by the parent.</p>	<p>NO large earrings, ear gauges, ear cuffs, dangly earrings or fashion earrings.</p> <p>NO bangles, bracelets or non-charity wristbands, non-House charity badges.</p> <p>NO rings.</p>
Contact Lenses or Glasses	Prescription lenses and glasses only.	NO coloured contacts or fashion glasses.
PE Uniform		
PE Outdoor Kit:	Quarter Zip Royal Blue/White Collar Track Top, Black Shorts, Royal Blue Football Socks, Football Boots (for Rugby and Football only), Shin Pads, Outdoor Trainers, Gum Shield (for Rugby only)	Optional Outdoor Kit: Black Tracksuit Bottoms with SGB crest, School Outdoor Jacket with SGB crest, Royal Blue Long Sleeved Base Layer.
PE Indoor Kit:	Royal Blue T-Shirt with school badge, Black Shorts, Royal Blue Football Socks, Indoor Trainers	