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July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this email finds you and your families well. We are aware that it won't be too long before your thoughts turn to preparation for the next academic year. We wanted to ensure that our expectations regarding your child's uniform were clear for you in advance of the new academic year to help you with those preparations.

Please see below the uniform requirements from September:

### **2023-2024 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: YEARS 7 - 11**

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and tutor group.

**HAIR STYLES** must be neat and tidy. Extremes of fashion must be avoided. Use of hair dye to achieve an unnatural, two-toned, streaked or bleached coloured look is not permitted.

**MAKE UP** or nail varnish in Year 7 - 9 is not permitted. Please see below for expectations for Years 10 and 11.

**JEWELLERY** Expensive jewellery should not be brought to school. Staff reserve the right to ask students to remove make-up/jewellery that they consider to be inappropriate for school. Students are permitted to wear 1 necklace, 1 bracelet, 1 ring on each hand, 1 watch. No other facial piercings, spacer style or spiked earrings allowed.

**BODY PIERCING** For Health and Safety reasons, the school does not permit body piercing apart from one pair of small (maximum of 5mm in diameter) stud or sleeper earring in the ear lobe. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that body piercings usually take a minimum of 6 months to heal. We would therefore strongly recommend that students do not get any piercings over the summer that cannot comfortably and easily be removed for school come September. Students are not permitted to wear nose studs, and this includes clear retainers.

**OUTDOOR COATS** are allowed to be worn over the blazer and should be predominantly one colour. They should NOT have large badges or logos. They should be plain in style and not made from denim material. Coats may be worn as additional items of clothing - not instead of the school blazer. Hoodies are not permitted as outdoor coats, including the school PE hoodie/¼ zip. Hoodies and inappropriate coats will be confiscated, returned to students at the end of the school day and parents/guardians informed.

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**LIGHTHOUSE**  
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

If a **student arrives at school with the incorrect uniform** their tutor will send them to the student centre to correct their uniform. Students will be expected to change into the correct uniform, or an agreement made for either parents to bring in the correct uniform or for the student to go home and change. In certain circumstances the school will issue a uniform slip to allow the student time to get the correct uniform item or items. Please contact your child's tutor in advance or write a note if your child will not have the correct uniform.

Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland via their website [pbuniform-online.co.uk/gordano](http://pbuniform-online.co.uk/gordano) or from The Sports Shop, Portishead.


Jacket/Blazer	Navy with white piping/navy lining to be worn at all times whilst on the school site or during a school trip unless staff have given permission not to wear it. Only School Award pin badges are permitted to be worn on the blazer.
Clip on tie	House coloured clip-on tie which must be worn appropriately at all times whilst on the school site or during a school trip, i.e. clipped onto the shirt to cover the shirt, with the top button fastened properly at the neck.
White Shirt	Plain white shirt (long-sleeved or short-sleeved), with no fashion elements, and a button collar with the top button fastened and shirt tucked in at all times. WEARING OF COLOURED T-SHIRTS UNDER SHIRTS IS NOT PERMITTED.
Trousers	Charcoal grey and of a length, material and style appropriate to an academic working environment with no fashion elements. No cords, chinos, jeans, leggings, jeggings, tight Lycra/tight-fitting trousers or pockets on legs, zipped pockets, very narrow or very wide bottomed trousers. As a guide, trousers should not be tight fitting from the knee down. Fit does differ from child to child, so please ensure your child tries on the garments and these criteria are met before purchasing. Belts must be plain black and pass through loops on trousers.
Skirt	Charcoal knee-length pleated skirt. No tube, Lycra, skater style or elastane skirts. Skirts must not be shortened / rolled up at any time.
Shorts	Charcoal knee-length shorts. Shorts must not be rolled up.
Jumper (optional)	Grey with contrast navy blue V-neck stripe.
Socks	White, black or grey ankle socks (no colours).
Tights	Black, natural or navy opaque. If tights are worn, socks should not be worn over the top.
Shoes	Plain smart leather black shoes of a suitable design that can be polished. No high heels/sling backs or open toes. TRAINERS or CANVAS SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
Jewellery (optional)	Maximum of 1 pair of earrings (1 stud or sleeper no bigger than 5mm in diameter in each ear lobe), 1 necklace, 1 bracelet, 1 ring on each hand, 1 watch. No facial piercings, spacer style or spiked earrings allowed.
Make-up	Only students in Year 10 & 11 may wear discreet make-up but nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes are NOT permitted in any year group. Students with excessive make-up will be asked to remove it.

We have also decided that students may continue to wear PE/Dance kit on the days they have PE or Dance, but they may change at the end of the lesson should they choose to. This will be reviewed again during the coming academic year. PE/Dance kit consists of a Gordano branded top and Gordano branded shorts, Gordano branded jogging bottoms, or Gordano branded leggings. As an alternative, students may wear plain navy-blue leggings, but these must not have any logos on, nor any mesh style panelling. Students are not permitted to wear **cycling shorts** or **similar** as part of their PE kit. **PE skorts are no longer part of the Gordano PE kit and are no longer available for purchase from the Sports Shop.** Please note that we are continuing to phase out the **Gordano Hoodie** and these are no longer available for purchase from the Sports Shop. Our **new students in year 7 and current year 7 (Year 8 Sept 2024)** should be wearing the new **Gordano ¼ zip**, **students in year 9-11** can continue to wear the hoodie, however if they need a replacement due to their current hoodie not fitting or item lost, they should purchase the ¼ zip from the Sports Shop. The Gordano branded PE or Dance hoodies can still be worn by students in year 8-11 on PE/Dance days. Uniform must be either full school uniform or full PE/Dance Kit on PE/Dance days. A mix of both is not permitted - e.g. Blazer, shirt, tie and leggings.

We would really appreciate a smooth and positive start to the new school year, so please ensure the uniform expectations are adhered to, to avoid any consequence for your child. Uniform is a key element of belonging to the family of Gordano School and the wider school community and students, parents and carers must adhere to these expectations. When students get their uniform right from the outset, less staff time is needed on resolving issues, providing more opportunities to support with academic progress and pastoral care. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on whether a student's uniform meets the expected standard.

Wishing you all a very pleasant summer break,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mailey', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Johnny Mailey**  
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