



Dear Parent/Carer,

With the warmer weather approaching, I would like to remind all students, parents and carers that the high standards outlined in our uniform policy remain in place throughout the Summer Term. Our uniform expectations do not change, and blazers must continue to be worn.

As in previous years, should we experience exceptionally hot weather, we may review the requirement for blazers and ties. If any temporary adjustments are made, students, parents and carers will be informed accordingly.

For clarification, our uniform policy and student planner clearly outline our expectations regarding appearance. Only “natural” make-up is permitted, along with one pair of stud earrings and a watch. Visible facial piercings, stretcher earrings and clear retainers are not allowed, and students will be asked to remove them.

Please also note that skirts should be of an appropriate length and must not be rolled up. Skinny or excessively tight trousers are not permitted. In addition, coloured nail varnish and acrylic nails are not allowed. A reminder that students are now permitted to wear **black tailored shorts** as part of their school uniform for the duration of the summer term. These shorts should be **smart, tailored in style, and consistent with the school’s usual uniform standards**. Sports shorts, cargo shorts, casual shorts, or branded leisurewear will not be permitted – can I refer you to our letter sent on 24<sup>th</sup> March with further details on accepted shorts. A full list of uniform expectations can be found in our Uniform and Equipment Policy on the school website.

Parents/carers and students will always be given the opportunity to rectify any uniform issues. However, where this is not possible, or where students refuse to comply, they will be placed in the Reflection Room until expectations are met.

As temperatures rise, it is important that students remain hydrated. There are sufficient water fountains available across the school site for students to refill their bottles. Students should ensure that bottles are filled before the end of break or lunchtime, and not during lessons or line-up time.

Please also speak to your son/daughter about the misuse of water bottles. Spraying water at other students will not be tolerated, and any student found doing so will spend the remainder of the day in the Reflection Room.

We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in maintaining our high standards of uniform and behaviour. We hope everyone enjoys the warmer weather when it arrives.

**Thank you.**

**The Bourne Academy**

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