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Dear Parent

Uniform at Uppingham Community College

As we approach the summer break, I would like to remind all parents about the key aspects of our uniform expectations, in preparation for the return to school in September. We know that choosing school uniform can sometimes be a 'minefield' particularly as shops like to brand their own products as 'School Uniform'. I hope you find this guide a useful reminder and wish you all a lovely summer.

Shoes – If you are buying new shoes for your child over the summer, please note the school's rules on shoes. They must be black shoes of the type that need to be polished. Trainers, and shoes that look like trainers, are not acceptable. Below are some examples of shoes that are acceptable and shoes that are not.

Acceptable



Next Online acceptable styles - Brogues, Formal Leather Lace up, Formal Leather Loafers, Leather Penny Loafers, Patent Lace up shoe (All others are unacceptable)
Clarks Online acceptable styles - Hula Zone, Asher Stride, Asher Grove, Willis Lad, Willis Time and Mayes Trek (All others are unacceptable)
Dr Martin Acceptable styles - Junior Softy T, Plain Welt Smooth, Mono Smooth (No yellow stitching allowed)



Not acceptable



Blazers – Blazers are expected to be **worn at all times**. Students may only remove blazers in lessons with the teacher's permission but must not assume this before arriving at a lesson. Blazers may be removed in the dining hall if students are eating, however, they must arrive and leave the dining hall in full uniform. Students may also remove their blazer in hot weather but this will be the decision of the college and students will be informed when this is happening. If students are not in full uniform they will lose break or lunchtime at the school's discretion. Repeated offences will incur an after school detention.



Socks – the policy states that these are plain black or grey for boys, and girls have the option of tights or socks. Tights must be flesh coloured, black or navy. If a student is seen in school not meeting these expectations they will be given the opportunity to change this (overnight) and a detention will be issued. Repeated behaviour not meeting expectations will result in a day in internal exclusion.

Facial piercings – the school has a zero tolerance approach to facial piercing. This includes tongue piercings. If a student is seen in school wearing any facial piercing jewellery, the student will be given an opportunity to remove this, the item will be confiscated and a detention will be issued. If they fail to remove the piercing they will incur an internal exclusion for the remainder of the day, where they will remain until the piercing is removed. Please do not allow your child to have a facial piercing during the summer holidays.

Earrings – the policy states that students are allowed up to 2 studs in each ear lobe. If a student is seen in school not meeting expectations, the student will be given an opportunity to remove the item, the item will be confiscated and a detention will be issued. If they fail to remove the items they will incur an internal exclusion for the remainder of the day.

Necklaces and other jewellery – necklaces are not permitted as they may represent a safety hazard and only 1 ring is permitted. Students can wear a watch. Students wearing any other jewellery items will be given an opportunity to remove the items which will be confiscated and a detention will be issued. If they fail to remove the items they will incur an internal exclusion for the remainder of the day, where they will remain until the items are removed.

Hair and make-up – extremes of hair fashion are not permitted. The school reserves the right to decide if a hair style is extreme, but this will include length, contrast of lengths in a style, colour, bleaching, stripes etc. Make-up must be discreet and students will be asked to remove make-up if the school decides that the make-up is excessive.

Nails – nail extensions are not allowed in school. Students will be given an opportunity to remove these (overnight). If they fail to remove the nails, students will incur an internal exclusion for the remainder of the day, where they will remain until the nails are removed. Any nail polish will have to be removed for activities such as food tech, at the teacher's discretion.

We are very proud of our uniform and the way in which our students wear it with pride. We also want to thank you for your continued support in making this a consistent message to all the students in our community.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information in this document then please contact your child's **form tutor**, their **progress leader** or their **PDC**.

Yours sincerely

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