



Thriftwood

School and College

website: www.thriftwoodschool.com

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and restful holiday period.

As we look to start a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to revisit our uniform expectations. Uniform is an important part of the identity of Thriftwood College as it reinforces who we are as a community and teaches students to take pride in their college. It also helps to prepare students for life after college where many will have to dress smartly for work. It distinguishes Key Stage 4 students from Key Stage 5, who enjoy the privilege of not having to wear uniform, which in turn, makes them feel more grown up. Students not following the expectations in Key Stage 4 degrade this privilege.

We have adjusted our uniform requirements to allow for our young people to have more autonomy and have also considered sensory issues. Despite this, there are still students that choose not to wear the correct uniform. This creates an unnecessary confrontational situation where they are challenged, which can then lead to other students following their poor example. Therefore, we kindly ask that you familiarise yourself with the expectations and support your child in following them.

Our uniform code is available on the college website where you can also find a link to our uniform supplier, Schoolwear Plus. However, you may also purchase uniform in the correct colour/style from any other source e.g. supermarkets. If you are struggling to afford what is required, please contact our pastoral team who will be happy to work with you to support this.

Main Uniform consists of:

- A navy blazer (optional) with a Thriftwood badge (badges are also optional and available from our school uniform supplier)
- Black or Grey trousers or knee length skirt (no tracksuit bottoms)
- White shirt or polo top
- Thriftwood tie (optional)
- Burgundy sweatshirt or jumper (optional, no hoodies)
- Sensible black shoes or plain black trainers

Sports Kit consists of:

- Plain T-Shirt
- Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms (for the winter)
- Trainers
- Roll on deodorant

We appreciate your support with this matter. Going forward, any student who is not following the uniform expectation will receive a letter home. If your child receives three reminder letters, you and your child will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the matter further.

With all good wishes,

Lisa Walker

College Lead

Example of correct uniform

Burgundy sweatshirt or jumper with or without Thriftwood logo.
No hoodies.

White shirt or polo top.

Navy Blazer (optional).

Thriftwood tie (optional).

Black or grey school trousers or knee length skirt.
No jogging bottoms/jeans etc.

Sensible black shoes or **plain** black trainers
No other colours/large logos etc.



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