



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform Reminder – colder weather

I would like to thank parents and carers for your support in ensuring your child is following 'The Ripley Way' by wearing the full uniform for school, with pride, on a daily basis. As a school we place emphasis on preparing our students for the professional world they will encounter upon leaving full-time education; having such high standards in this area supports this aim.

Over the last couple of weeks there has been a decline in a few areas of uniform that I would like to bring to parents/careers attention so that we can work in partnership to address any issues. The areas we would like to address are as follows;

- School shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Girls skirts should be no shorter than 5cm above the knee and not tight fitting
- Coats should be worn over the top of the blazer not instead of blazers - hoodies are not permitted in school
- Academy jumpers or plain grey V-neck jumpers are permitted and can be worn under school blazer
- Trainers are not permitted and footwear should take the form of black, polishable, flat shoes
- Nail varnish, gels, extensions or embellishments are not permitted.

As we move towards the winter months there have been a number of students wearing hoodies to school rather than coats. Please could I remind parents/carers that in cold weather a white plain T shirt may be worn under the shirt and that outdoor coats should preferably be plain and dark in colour and weatherproof. Sports tops, hoodies, jumpers and denim or leather coats are not acceptable.

Heads of Year will be performing spot checks on uniform and where an infringement occurs parents/carers may be contacted to support in rectifying the infringement. Please do not be offended by this; I simply hope that it will alert you to something not quite right so that you can rectify this.

Finally, should anyone require any assistance in purchasing uniform items or should you need support in convincing your child to adhere to our dress code, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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