



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



Executive Headteacher: **Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)**
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27th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform Reminder

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support in ensuring your child is wearing the full uniform for school 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 your attention so that we can work in partnership to address any issues over the half term break. The areas we would like to address are as follows;

- Girls' skirts should be no shorter than 5cm above the knee and not tight fitting.
- Only one pair of stud earrings, with a maximum of one in each ear is permitted.
- One small plain nose stud is permitted but no other facial piercings.
- Nail varnish, gels or embellishments are not permitted. If your child wishes to have nails 'dressed' for the half-term, please ensure that these are returned to a natural state before Monday 6 November.
- Trainers are not permitted, and footwear should take the form of black, flat shoes.
- Hair colour must be a natural tone.
- Coats should be worn over the top of the blazer.

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 you that during cold weather periods a white plain T shirt may be worn under the shirt and that outdoor coats should preferably be plain and dark in colour and preferably weatherproof (no sports tops/hoodies/denim or leather).

I will be performing a uniform inspection after half term and will issue letters to students where an infringement occurs. 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 me.

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

Yours faithfully,

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

