

Change in jewellery policy for Years 7 - 11 from start of the summer term 2010

School uniform is a key feature of a successful school.

If students look smart it creates a work-like atmosphere in College and leads to fewer distractions from learning. Good uniform also reflects well on the College in the community and fosters a sense of pride and belonging.

Individuality and creativity are important but should be expressed by students through the curriculum they follow, rather than through personal appearance.

During the summer term, the College uniform will be reviewed and views will be sought from students, parents, governors and staff about possible changes.

However, from after Easter there will be a change to the policy on jewellery in College.

From the start of the summer term 2010, the only acceptable items of jewellery will be:

One plain gold or silver stud in each ear lobe, (with a maximum diameter of 3mm)

One wrist watch

Rings, bracelets, chains or necklaces will not be allowed. (Nose, eyebrow and other piercings will continue to be unacceptable). Transparent bars or covering with plasters etc will not be permissible.

If students attend College with inappropriate jewellery, this will have to be removed before they attend lessons. Inappropriate jewellery may be confiscated by staff and returned at the end of the school day.

We hope that students will understand the reason for these changes and support the new policy. If students do not comply, they will work in isolation for their lessons and will remain isolated from other students at break and lunchtime.

By making the jewellery and school uniform policy clear and simple we aim to remove possible confusion about our expectations, and raise standards.