

## Newton Abbot College Uniform policy

The College's vision is for outstanding learning, achievement and behaviour for all students. Our uniform is a means of expressing this level of expectation and a way for students to express their pride in themselves and their College. We expect all students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride.

- The parents of any student arriving in college in incomplete uniform will be contacted and they will either be sent home to change or expected to work in the PLR until the situation can be remedied. **No student will attend lessons unless in full College uniform.**
- Blazers must be worn at all times; including on the way to and from College. The only exception is when students have been given specific permission:
  - outdoors at break or lunchtimes;
  - by teachers in classrooms.
- The only tops permitted to be worn under the blazer are a white shirt and College jumper.
- Only skirts with the College logo are permitted to be worn. Two lengths of skirts are available online – 20" or 22". Students are expected to wear their skirts correctly – not rolled up to create a shorter length. An 18" skirt may only be ordered by the student's Head of House following parental discussion and authorisation.
- Only shorts with the College logo are permitted to be worn.
- A dark coat may be worn over the blazer if necessary in bad weather.
- Coats, hats and scarves should be removed when students are settled indoors ie not passing through.
- Footwear must be sensible, plain, flat, smart, black leather school shoes. These must be leather shoes (without a rubber toe cap) which can be polished and NOT leather trainers or 'pumps' eg Converse, Vans, Adidas etc. Boots, suede or canvas shoes, trainers, sandals, flip flops, high heels are therefore not acceptable (example pictures attached).
- Students may wear plain black ankle socks or tights only. Socks/tights of other colours are not permitted. Long socks are not permitted.
- Students must wear their College ties correctly: the point of the tie must touch the waistband of the trousers or skirt, and the knot must cover the fastened top button of the shirt or blouse.
- Shirts must be worn fully tucked in.
- A single pair of small, plain, discreet earrings/studs and a watch may be worn; other jewellery is not permitted. Face and body piercings, including tongue piercings are unacceptable. Plastic "retainers" and "stretchers" are not acceptable.
- Make up should be discreet, coloured nail polish is not permitted. False/acrylic nails are also not permitted.
- Students must wear their hair in a manner which meets the College expectations. In the current climate of ever changing styles and fashions the following is not intended to be an expansive list of what is/is not acceptable. However the following rules apply:
  - No tram lines or artistry to be shaved into the hair.
  - Hair may not cover the face ie no long fringes which cover the eyes or lower on the face.
  - If the hair is to be shaved all over to an equal length, it cannot fall below a grade 2.
  - If the hair is to be shaved with a longer length on top, it cannot be a radical difference in length - it must be blended eg a grade 2 at the bottom leading up to grade 4 near the top.
  - Skin fades are not allowed.
  - No hair dye to be applied in any capacity unless it is a natural colour and the entire hair is done in the same fashion. This means no ombre, hair tips dipped, or highlights applied.

The College reserves the right to make the final decision on what is and what is not acceptable. Consequently parents who are unsure whether a hairstyle will be acceptable should contact the Student Support team for clarification before going ahead with the cut/colour (examples of unacceptable styles attached)

- If belts are worn they should be narrow and plain black with a simple buckle. Designer logos on belts are not acceptable.
- Students must carry a large bag/rucksack which is capable of holding A4 folders and textbooks.

Parents who are unsure whether an item of uniform or a hairstyle will be acceptable should contact the Student Support Team for clarification before purchase. Please see below for examples of acceptable/unacceptable hairstyles and shoes.

### **Some examples of acceptable and unacceptable hairstyles/shoes:**

**Some acceptable hairstyles:**



**Unacceptable hairstyles:**



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**Acceptable shoes – boys:**



**Acceptable shoes – girls:**



**Unacceptable shoes:**

