



Urmston Grammar School

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Dear Parents(s)

In recent weeks it has become apparent in school that a significant number of our pupils are failing to meet our expectations in terms of the school's dress code. There are a number of areas for concern and I will detail them below as well as stating exactly what the school expects. In some cases the situation can be dealt with in school, in others it may require parental involvement and hopefully this letter will provide you with the necessary information to enable you to support us in this matter.

General Appearance in school

Many pupils are not wearing their uniform smartly as is required by the school rules. Top buttons are habitually left unfastened with ties pulled down and shirts are deliberately left un-tucked. Tie knots are unacceptable and ties are being worn at a ridiculous length. This is not acceptable and in the future such casual disregard for our rules will be dealt with through a Uniform Detention. These 30 minute detentions run in parallel with the school's main detention and are in fact already in operation.

If your child is placed in uniform detention for this or any of the other reasons stated below, you will be informed by letter. Your child will receive a full-school detention if she / he receives two uniform detentions in a week. This is a most serious sanction and makes clear our intention to deal with the current situation.

Footwear

Pupils are expected to wear black leather or leather-look shoes. They may not wear black pumps or 'trainer-style' shoes adorned with logos, stripes and flashes. Do not let your child convince you that these are acceptable. They are not and never have been.

Make Up.

The wearing of make up is not permitted and never has been. This includes the wearing of nail varnish. Please ensure that your daughter is not wearing make up when she sets off for school and if necessary ensure that she does not have her make up bag with her.

Jewellery.

The wearing of jewellery in school is not permitted with the exception of one small gold or silver stud per ear. Coloured or jewelled ear rings are not acceptable and with all unauthorised jewellery they will be confiscated if they are worn. Facial piercings and the associated jewellery are not allowed in school.

Hair Restraints.

Pupils may only wear dark bobbles or hair restraints.

Topcoats.

As indicated within our school dress code, topcoats, and we stress the word 'coats', must be plain. The wearing of hooded tops either under the blazer or over, in or on the way to and from school it is quite unacceptable and they will be confiscated. All pupils are aware that they may wear a plain blue v-neck sweater or suitable cardigan and a suitable topcoat during colder weather.

Urmston Grammar School is proud of its excellent reputation within the local community and sets high standards for the appearance of our pupils both in school and as pupils make their way to and from us. We have every right to insist that all pupils meet this standard and trust that as parents who have chosen to send your child to this school, you will fully support the school's position.

Hopefully this letter will help you to ensure that your child continues to meet our expectations whilst removing any doubt as to exactly what is required from all pupils in years 7 – 11.

If you would like to discuss any of the matters raised above, feel free to contact the school at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

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School

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