



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

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Dear students, parents and guardians,

We are delighted that nearly all of our students have settled quickly back into school life. Their engagement in their learning has been exemplary as has their adherence to our safe routines and protective measures. As ever they are a credit to their families and our school community.

We understand many families were unable to provide all aspects of their child's uniform by Monday 12 April and we are happy there is a period of grace to allow parents and guardians to purchase the required items by Monday 26 April. Funding to buy school uniform is available for every secondary school student, more information can be found at <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access> If you wish to discuss any matter regarding school uniform please contact the school directly using our info@khs.schools.edu.org.uk email address.

Uniform for Years 7 to 10 is listed below.

School Uniform	Unacceptable Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black blazer with gold school logo (purchased from Reflex Embroidery). ✓ Black blazer (purchased from other suppliers) with sew on school logo (purchased from Reflex Embroidery). ✓ Optional black jumper with embroidered gold logo. ✓ Black tie with two thin gold stripes. ✓ White shirt (short or long sleeves). ✓ Black tailored, formal trousers ✓ Black box pleated skirts. ✓ Black tailored shorts. ✓ Plain black leather or leather look traditional shoes or plain black traditional boots to the ankle. ✓ Black socks or tights. ✓ Belts, if worn, must be plain and black. ✓ Coats are to be of a plain, dark colour. It is acceptable for coats to have reflective elements for safety when travelling to and from school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hooded jumpers (hoodies) with or without a zip, denim or leather jackets are not acceptable outerwear. ✓ Tight, clingy or tube type skirts are not acceptable. ✓ Jeans, jeggings, chinos or leggings are not acceptable. ✓ Trainers, plimsolls or 'Vans'-type shoes are not acceptable. ✓ Facial piercings are not acceptable in school (please consider when a child may get a piercing if they wish to, for example if a piercing is to be done at the start of the summer holidays, it will be able removed for the school day when we return in September). ✓ False nails are not acceptable. ✓ Hair must be of a natural colour. Tram-lines/patterns cut into the hair are not permitted

Pre-loved uniform

Last year in partnership with Abergavenny Warm and Cwtch Angels we ran a very successful Pre-Loved Uniform event in the summer. Over 50 families and 85 students were helped with uniform thus saving them a huge amount of expense. It is also very environmentally friendly. We are asking all year groups and in particular Year 11 to bring in Pre Loved Uniform this term. All items need to be in good condition, washed and placed in a suitable bag. This can be dropped off by students on arrival in school reception where there will be a collection box.

Lateral Flow Device Testing Year 7, 8 and 9

We have been very pleased with the number of students in KS4 and KS5 who are participating in Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing. LFD tests have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. They are clinically approved and are crucial in the fight against the virus.

Welsh Government have announced this week that the asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in education and childcare will be available for students in KS3. Families in KS3 will receive a separate letter that outlines in detail the process. We will give out LFD tests to KS3 students once registration has commenced and their test kits arrive.

Outdoor Learning and extracurricular activities

Over the next six weeks all students in KS3 will access a programme of social skills and team building activities through Monmouthshire Outdoor Education service and Up Beat music. In line with WG operation and learning guidance we

are maximising our wonderful grounds. Our students will be challenged to enhance their softer skills which they were unable to develop during lock down. We trust these activities will complement our academic offer and ensure our students grow into well rounded learners and young citizens.

A programme of extracurricular activities shall commence on Monday 19 April, please see link <https://bit.ly/2Qsltof>. These activities are available to all our students without prior booking apart from the Year 7-9 Homework Club and Year 10-13 Study Club. These will need to be booked in advance to ensure appropriate COVID-19 safety guidance is adhered to. To book your child's place please complete the one of the following links

Year 7-9 Homework club <https://bit.ly/3mSMpup>

Year 10-13 Study Club <https://bit.ly/2Q7odIS>

This form should be completed by 9:00am on the day of the session that they wish to attend. Unfortunately, if we do not receive this booking form, your child will not be permitted to take part in that particular session.

As ever can we thank all parents and guardians for your on-going support in all aspects of our school life. We value the home school partnership and look forward to a positive summer term.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of school