



NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this year the Government released statutory guidance on uniform, the purpose of which is to ensure the cost of school uniform is reasonable and secures the best value for money. In response to this, Norton College has conducted a uniform consultation process which has included parents, students and staff, with the aim of making the uniform more affordable, reducing the number of items that parents will need to purchase from the online-shop, and increasing the range of options that are available to buy.

The outcome of this process has seen some significant and helpful changes. There are now only three essential items that are required to be purchased from the online retailer: the blazer, tie and PE top. The school jumper is optional. The additional change is to the colour of the base layers, changing the colour of the trousers, skirts and shorts from grey to black. This change is designed to make it easier to purchase these items from a range of supermarkets and high street stores.

The trousers must be full length. Shorts and skirts must be knee length (see specific details below). We will also be introducing coloured ties, representing colours for each Year group, which will remain with your child as they move through the years. (Specific colours for each year group listed below). 'Tied' ties will also be an option to buy, as an alternative to a clip-on tie. The black items and ties will be phased in over the course of the next year, to allow natural transition, as your child grows out of existing clothing.

Trainers will now be permitted, as long as they are all black and leather-looking material. The additional change refers to the wearing of a nose piercing; a clear stud but no other form of piercing is now allowed.

Uniform

- Unisex Maroon blazer with school logo – worn at all times (unless permission to remove due to hot weather)
- White shirt with long or short sleeves
- School tie – **Coloured tie for each year – Tied or clip-on**
 - Y7 -Purple
 - Y8 -Blue
 - Y9 -Amber/Yellow
 - Y10 -Red
 - Y11 -Green (original)
- **Black full-length trousers (no leggings, jeggings, or Jeans), or Black Shorts (tailored, knee length), or Black tailored skirt (knee length, non-stretchy material)**
- Only black or white socks are allowed, optional black tights
- Plain black shoes (slip on or lace up). No high heels, boots or plimsolls allowed. **Trainers are allowed but must be all black and leather-looking.**



Optional

- School jumper from the school supplier
- Plain, outdoor coat or jacket. It must not be worn as an alternative to a blazer and must be removed in lessons.

Hairstyles

- Fashions evolve over time, and we remain aware of changes in trends however, extreme hairstyles and colours are not permitted. The School is the arbiter of what is considered 'extreme'. Hair dye should be natural in colour. If in doubt, please contact the school.

Jewellery / Makeup

- Students are only permitted to wear plain studs in each lobe, and a wristwatch. **One nose piercing is allowed, but this must be clear, no rings or bars.** Unacceptable jewellery will be confiscated, and the behaviour system implemented.
- Makeup should be discreet, which includes false eyelashes, and nails should be short and natural.
- Visible tattoos are not acceptable. This includes eyebrow tattoos / lines or shapes cut into eyebrows.

The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. We continue to expect our students to look neat, tidy and business-like at all times. Uniform should be clean and repaired or replaced if necessary; we appreciate parental support in ensuring that students adhere to this expectation. We will continue to retain a small amount of spare uniform in an emergency for students to use. Where uniform is incorrect, students will be asked to remove or replace the incurrence with something more appropriate. If student does not comply, the behaviour system will be implemented.

Next year we are also looking at running a 'uniform swap shop' every term. This will offer parents an opportunity to bring in unwanted uniform and to purchase second-hand uniform at a fraction of the cost. We are grateful for the parental support already offered, but if you are willing to offer you time to support, please contact ced@nortoncollege.net

Yours faithfully,

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