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Dear Parents/carers,

As recognised in the latest Ofsted report, “*Pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride*”, and I would like to thank you for all your support as we continue to raise standards at Montsaye Academy. To this end, I would like to highlight our uniform expectations.

A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and sets an appropriate tone and appearance. We want the wearing of our school uniform to instil a sense of pride, support positive behaviour and discipline and encourage a sense of identity and belonging.

Full school uniform must be worn at all times during the school day, including breaks and lunchtimes. Any headgear must be removed on entry to the school building. All items of clothing and accessories must meet the school regulations. During PE lessons students are expected to wear the full approved PE kit and ensure that they are prepared for their lessons.

Currently, all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 must have the school's grey blazer, and all students in Year 10 and 11 must have a black blazer. Following requests from numerous parents, **as of September 2019, the grey uniform will apply to years 7, 8, 9 and 10.**

The blazer must be worn at all times unless permission is given by a member of teaching staff for it to be removed. Students are not allowed to wear non-regulation clothing under their blazer. A white school shirt must be worn fully buttoned to the neck, along with a correctly positioned school tie. Open necked shirts are unacceptable. Other items of necessary school uniform are grey (Year 7, 8 and 9) or black (Year 10 and 11) full length tailored school trousers (cargo, combat, lycra, leggings, jean style pants and items made of denim or corduroy are not acceptable); knee length, tailored skirts are permitted. Students should not wear short or tight fitting skirts of any description. Students may, if they wish, wear a school jumper under their blazer, however this must not be in place of the compulsory blazer.

Footwear must be black school shoes. Students must not wear trainers, backless shoes or sandals.

Any student with medical reasons wishing to wear footwear other than that described above must provide a medical professional's letter explaining the reason why and for how long the requested footwear change will apply. **We regret that a letter from parents/carers is not acceptable under these circumstances.**

Students ARE allowed:

- One pair of plain gold- or silver-coloured ear studs or one single stud.
- A wrist-watch.
- Hair bands, scrunchies, bobbles and headscarves (but they must be plain and simple).
- Only natural hair colours or appropriately dyed hair in natural colours are permitted. No other dyed colours or streaks are acceptable.
- Hairstyles which are suitable for the school environment.
- Long hair, but must be neatly tied back for practical lessons such as Design Technology, PE, dance and science, for health and safety reasons.





Students are NOT allowed:

- Facial or body piercings
- Tramlines and shaved head designs are not acceptable (including close cut/ shaved panels of hair anywhere on the head that create any patterns including squares or other shapes such as 'tails' or V shapes).
- Nail colour or false nails (acrylic or gel).

Students who come to school wearing incorrect uniform will, where possible, be given the opportunity to borrow uniform. Thereafter, the school will follow its behaviour policy, which could result in your child spending time in inclusion.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Assistant Vice Principal



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