

# St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parent

## Uniform Standards

We are writing to all parents as we want to bring to your attention a number of aspects of the school uniform requirements that have resulted in staff needing to speak to pupils recently. We want to be clear what those aspects are so that families can feel supported when they have similar conversations at home. With the Easter holidays approaching, this will give families the opportunity to ensure that any corrections to the uniform or purchases can be made ready for the start of the summer term.

Dressing appropriately for school is an important habit for our later work lives, supports a professional purposeful attitude to studies and builds a sense of unity in the school. It shows respect for each other and ourselves when we make the effort to look smart. Our uniform expectations are on the school website, in pupil planners and also attached to this letter for your convenience. They have been the same all year.

We want to congratulate pupils and their families who uphold daily the high standards of school uniform that we expect as a school community. We thank parents for their continued support in ensuring their daughters are leaving for school wearing the correct uniform in the correct manner.

The section in bold at the start of each paragraph is from our uniform requirements, with extra information provided to give context.

**Small plain studs one per ear lobe, may be worn by girls with pierced ears. No other piercings are permitted:** A small number of pupils have convinced their parents that it is acceptable to have a piercing in the nose, in the upper part of the ear or multiple piercings in each ear. This is not acceptable. We want to warn parents so that money is not wasted getting piercings, only for them to close up again when they are asked to remove the piercings when at school. Sticking plasters over a piercing or retainers are also not acceptable.

**Black or navy low heeled shoes (sandals, canvas, sling-back shoes, trainers or boots are not acceptable):** Shoes being black is not the only check that parents need to make when purchasing shoes for school. Some shoes are not safe to be worn for certain subjects, while others do not fit with the high standard of the rest of the uniform. Please can parents think carefully about the shoes they purchase to ensure that further shoes do not then need purchasing. If in doubt, standard leather school shoes can be bought at a reasonable price from all good shoe shops in and around Southampton. These also last longer and will save families money in the long run. On occasions, your daughter may see other pupils seeming to "get away" with wearing other types of footwear. We have a small number of pupils who have permission to do so from the school for agreed medical reasons. We would not want your daughter to think this is transferrable to other pupils too!

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**Dark navy blue skirt – regulation style only, length: knee length to mid-calf only:** Please can parents check that, due to a rapid growth spurt, their daughter has not outgrown her skirt. A good check at home would be that while wearing the skirt and kneeling, the skirt touches the floor. On occasions, staff have to speak to girls about “rolling” their skirts, making the skirt appear shorter than it is. Your support in reminding your daughter that this is not how a skirt is worn is much appreciated.

**This uniform is expected to be worn both to and from school as well as in school:** A number of pupils are turned back at the school gate at the end of each day to correct uniform which, although worn correctly during the school day, has been altered before walking home. This is particularly noticeable with shoes. Pupils walk long distances around the school site during the day with the correct footwear without concern, only to say they need to change into “comfortable” shoes for the journey home! This is not necessary. The correct uniform outside of school is very important as we all represent St Anne’s to the public on the way to and from school as well as in school.

The vast majority of our pupils wear the correct uniform every day and it is a pleasure to see the school community working together so effectively. Your continued support with ensuring your daughter wears the correct uniform is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L M Bourne', written in a cursive style.

**L M Bourne (Miss)  
Headmistress**

## Uniform Requirements

All pupils are expected to wear the regulation uniform available on-line from John Lewis, and our in-house suppliers, Direct Clothing. This uniform is expected to be worn both to and from school as well as in school.

### Years 7 – 11

#### Winter Uniform

- Dark navy blazer with school badge (Optional for all year groups)
- Dark navy blue skirt – regulation style only, length: **knee length to mid-calf only**.
- Special school blue long-sleeved shirt blouse worn with school tie. (Y10 and Y11 permitted to wear open neck St Anne's school blouse without school tie).
- Dark navy blue V-neck monogrammed official school pullover (cardigans not allowed).
- Coat or navy fleece outer jacket with school logo to be removed once in school and placed in their locker. No other garments are allowed.
- Black shoes (sandals, canvas, sling-back shoes, trainers or boots are **not** acceptable).
- Plain navy blue or white knee-length or ankle socks or beige, navy or black tights (socks or tights must be worn throughout the year).
- Tailored navy blue regulation trousers may be worn as an alternative to the skirt for winter.

#### Summer Uniform

- Special school revered short sleeved shirt blouse.
- Summer uniform may be worn during the Summer term and up to Autumn half term.
- For those pupils who, for religious reasons, wish to cover their heads in school, the head covering should be plain navy blue and worn without any decoration. The navy blue should match the school uniform's navy blue. The final judgement rests with the school.
- If parents need their daughter to wear anything other than the full uniform, they are to contact the headmistress to discuss this further.

#### P.E. Clothing

- Navy sports shorts
- Blue monogrammed sports blouse
- White socks
- Trainers – no canvas plimsolls
- One piece swimming costume, swimming hat and towel
- Plain navy blue jogging bottoms (no leggings)
- Large drawstring bag to contain kit

#### Optional

- Plain navy blue cycling shorts / shorts.
- Hair bands etc – plain navy blue or black

#### Jewellery

Jewellery may **not** be worn; a wrist watch may be worn at the owner's risk. Small plain studs one per ear lobe, may be worn by girls with pierced ears. No other piercings are permitted.

Acrylic / false nails, nail varnish and make up are not permitted. Hair should be kept neat and tidy and long hair should be tied back – extreme styles, lengths and unnatural colours are not permitted. A small plain metal cross or crucifix may be worn on a plain metal chain.