

Chamberlayne College for the Arts

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A school with specialist status in the performing arts

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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to School Uniform

I am writing to inform you of a slight change to school uniform that will be introduced from September 2017.

This letter is to provide you with advance warning of this amendment to the uniform policy and to ensure that if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year that you are aware of the new requirements.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in order to engender more of a sense of pride in appearance, which can hopefully be translated into an even greater focus and determination to succeed educationally. It should also prove more cost effective for parents.

To ensure absolute clarity we have updated our uniform guidance, which can be found on our website.

Everyday Wear Compulsory Items

Black Chamberlayne jumper	No sports jumpers, hoodies or other jumpers allowed
Plain, short or long sleeved white shirt	No fashion shirts, tailored or blouse style shirts. All shirts must have a collar and top button
Pleated black knee length skirt	Skirts must be knee length
Black trousers	No jean material, leggings, or tight trousers
Black 'professional' shoes	No trainers, canvas shoes, ankle boots, heeled shoes or sport style shoes
School tie	1 st tie to be provided by the school

An example of our school uniform is detailed below:



Parents will note that the white 'Chamberlayne' polo shirt has been removed from our uniform and replaced with a plain white shirt and tie.

Trainers, fashionable shoes and pump style shoes have also been removed.

To support parents in purchasing the correct type of uniform, common misconceptions that have been experienced this year have been outlined below.

Acceptable shoes should be flat, black, leather shoes which can be polished. For example:



Trainers, trainer looking shoes, trainer branded shoes, or boots are not permitted. For example:



Example of acceptable skirt and trousers:



Example of unacceptable trousers:



Makeup

Students are only permitted to wear light, un-noticeable makeup.

Earrings

One plain gold / silver stud may be worn in each lobe if ears are pierced; but these must be removed or completely covered for all forms of physical education. No other piercings or stretchers are acceptable.

Piercings

No other piercings are acceptable in school. Clear retainers are not permitted for any other piercings.

Hair styles

No shaven, extreme or bright coloured hair styles are allowed. Grade 1 shaving is not permitted. Wigs are not allowed unless there is a medical reason. Religious headwear must be black and plain in style

Jewellery

No rings, bangles, bracelets or wrist jewellery should be worn.

Please note that the PE uniform remains unchanged.

If you have any concerns or are unsure about any aspect of uniform, please do contact the school so that we can support. Many thanks for continuing to support the school as we strive to provide an exceptional quality education for all of our young people.

Yours faithfully

N S Giles