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Dear Parents and Carers

As I'm sure you will agree, the process of picking your child's Secondary School uniform for the first time can be an emotional and potentially tricky time. To ensure that we continue to support you and our standards and expectations with respect to uniform continue to remain the highest in September, please find below information about our school uniform, including PE kit.

This information will guarantee that all students have a positive start in September and can get stuck into learning right from the start.

The compulsory uniform for all students:

- Henley Bank High School blazer
- Henley Bank High School clip on tie
- Henley Bank High School branded tartan skirt worn below the knee or formal tailored plain black trousers
- Plain white cotton blouse/shirt with collar worn tucked in at all times
- Plain black socks or plain black tights
- Plain black formal shoes that can be polished to a shine, including patent leather.



Prohibited items:

- Prohibited trouser styles include **but are not limited to** - tight, skinny fit, narrow fit, stretchy, low rise, chinos, jeans, drainpipe, Miss Sixty, linen, leggings or cropped styles (see photos)
- *Trousers that do not cover the laces (or lace area where laces are absent) are not permitted (this will be of particular focus from September so please ensure extra care is taken when purchasing)*
- Examples of prohibited footwear includes **but are not limited to** – trainers or trainer type of any sort, canvas shoes, Velcro, suede shoes, military-style boots or UGG style, skate type, or any above the ankle, void of buckles or decoration
- Socks must be plain black. Girls may wear plain black tights, no leggings.

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Getting the uniform right:

We will be hosting uniform support sessions at the beginning of September when items such as trousers and shoes can be checked to ensure that they are acceptable. We strongly recommend that you keep receipts for school trousers and shoes so that if they are not the correct type, they can be easily changed ready for the first day back at school.

If you are in any doubt about the type of material and/or the style of the trouser we recommend that you err on the side of caution. School uniform is not a fashion statement so please be mindful that many of the “Back to School” ranges of clothing and footwear marketed by high-street retailers may very well **not** be acceptable at Henley Bank High School.

To further compliment an appearance to be proud of the following will also be expected:

Jewellery - a wrist watch and one simple and plain gold or silver stud per ear lobe are the only items of jewellery accepted at Henley Bank. Facial piercings of any kind, including tongue piercings and transparent piercing retainers are prohibited. If parents wish for their children to have additional visible piercings this must be done with ample healing time so that the piercing can be removed during the school day. The use of plasters to cover facial piercings will not be permitted at any time.

If students arrive at Roll Call with incorrect jewellery, they will be asked to remove it. If students are then seen wearing incorrect jewellery after this point, it will be confiscated. After a first confiscation, items will be returned directly to the student at the end of the day. For any further confiscations, they will need to be collected from reception by a parent/carer.

Hair – hair is to be one **natural** colour. Lines and patterns shaved into hair, Mohican or skinhead-type/shaved styles are prohibited. Hair should be no shorter than a grade 2 in length. Long hair must be tied back for PE, Technology and Science lessons. We ask that parents make informed decisions with respect to hair styles worn during school breaks and ensure that all students return to school with acceptable styles detailed.

Make-Up – Students may wear “natural look” make up only. Natural make up does not include false eyelashes, mascara (or similar enhancing products), brow liner, lipstick, fake or painted nails, highlighters and false tan. What is deemed natural looking make up is at the discretion of Henley Bank High School staff at all times.

Additional notices:

- Hooded and other branded jumpers or tracksuit tops of any sort are not to be worn anywhere on school premises and will be confiscated on sight.
- No headwear will be worn inside the Academy buildings except religious garments that must be plain black in colour
- No additional jewellery may be worn or brought to school. The only exceptions are items of religious significance – crosses, Stars of David, etc (which should be on a long chain such that nothing is visible for safe keeping)
- The use of mobile phones/ipads/headphones/iwatches are prohibited on school premises and such items must be kept out of sight and turned off at all times. These will be confiscated if seen or heard.

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In cases where medical reasons require a modification to the uniform policy, notice on letter headed paper from a medical professional must be addressed to the Head detailing the reason and state specifically that a particular alternative footwear type *must* be worn. Medical professionals will be contacted in such cases by our staff

- Notes from parents will not be accepted for missing/forgotten items of uniform or medical dispensations so please support students with their personal organisation so that such issues are avoided.

To ensure that high standards of uniform are maintained and that the correct uniform is being worn in the correct manner at all times, morning roll call will consist of a thorough check of personal presentation.

To further support your decision making I have included photos of acceptable and unacceptable footwear and trousers that you can use when purchasing uniform items.

Uniform acceptability check

Acceptable footwear examples:



Unacceptable footwear examples:



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Acceptable and unacceptable trouser examples:



PE Kit:

To ensure that students look presentable and comfortable during their PE lessons and other sports events we expect **all students** to be in full Henley Bank High School PE kit. **This kit can only be sourced from Monkhouse in Gloucester (99 Northgate Street, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL1 2AA)**



Essential	Highly Recommended/Optional
Henley Bank High School polo shirt	Henley Bank High School thermal skins
Henley Bank High School shorts or skort	Henley Bank High School hooped long socks
Plain black sports socks	Henley Bank High School PE jacket
Trainers (any brand – suitable and hard wearing)	Henley Bank High School ¼ zip training top
Henley Bank High School hooped long socks (essential for students representing sports teams)	

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Please note the following:

- Only sports items listed can be worn. Other items are not permitted.
- Sanctions will be issued if PE kit fails to meet the standard that is expected from our students
- Incorrect PE kit may result in students not being able to take part in lessons or other sporting events. This includes competitions against other schools.
- Kit is required at all times, even if students are not taking part for medical reasons. This is because they will still need to be taken outside with their class

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries that you may have at admin@henleybankhighschool.co.uk.

I hope that you have found this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries that you may have. **We will run a uniform check on Monday 2nd September 3-4pm should you wish to get any uniform personally clarified.** Please come to the front of the school where myself and my team will be happy to help. Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Powell

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