



6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Expectations – Hair and Piercings

At Henley Bank High School, we are proud of the way our students represent themselves and our community. High standards of personal presentation contribute positively to first impressions, support a calm and purposeful learning environment, and reflect our shared commitment to excellence.

This letter is being sent as a reminder of our uniform expectations, and to give families the opportunity to check that students are fully compliant ahead of the next half term. Morning roll-call will continue to include routine checks of uniform and personal presentation.

Why uniform matters at Henley Bank

Our uniform policy is not about restriction; it is about inclusion. A consistent, smart uniform ensures that all students feel part of something bigger than themselves, reduces visible differences, and supports a culture where the focus is on learning, character, and belonging rather than appearance. By upholding these standards together, we reinforce shared values of pride, respect, and togetherness.

Key reminders and clarifications

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify two aspects of our uniform policy so that expectations are absolutely clear for all families.

Hair

- Hair must be of a *natural colour only*.
- From **Monday 23rd February** (the start of next half term), students whose hair does not meet this expectation will be placed in APC until the issue is resolved.
- We are providing **three weeks' notice** to allow time for any necessary adjustments. We strongly encourage families to use this period to ensure compliance.

Piercings

- Students may wear **one simple, plain stud per ear only**.
- Studs must be plain gold, silver, or pearl and **must not contain diamonds, stones, patterns, or decorative features**.
- All other piercings (including facial piercings or retainers) are not permitted during the school day.

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Uniform expectations

Please ensure that your child's uniform fully meets the expectations outlined below:

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 that reach the laced area of the shoe
- Plain white cotton blouse/shirt with collar, worn tucked in at all times with the top fastened
- Plain black socks or plain black tights
- Plain black formal shoes that can be polished to a shine

Final reminder

Students who arrive in incorrect uniform will be supported where possible; however, where expectations are not met, sanctions will be applied until the issue is resolved. Notes from parents will not be accepted for uniform issues.

We appreciate your continued support in maintaining the high standards that make Henley Bank High School a community we can all be proud of. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@henleybankhighschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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