

20th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to Uniform Policy

Thank you for your patience whilst we clarify the guidelines for uniform from September 2023 onwards. In addition to this letter, we will also update our uniform guideline graphics on our website with links to the main suppliers for uniform. You can find a link to the uniform graphics here:

<https://www.elycollege.com/uniformguide>

Jewellery

- Students will be permitted to wear up to two studs in each ear, promoting self-expression within reasonable boundaries.
- Our policy will permit one nose piercing for students in Year 9 and above, provided we have received explicit permission from parents/carers.
- Necklaces, rings, bangles, or bracelets will not be permitted (unless for religious observances) and any visible items will be confiscated so please leave these at home.

Hair and Grooming

- Students will have the freedom to colour their hair, allowing for personal expression while maintaining a respectful appearance.
- Nail varnish will be allowed, but it will need to be removed during those lessons where varnish cannot be worn for health and safety regulations.
- Fake eyelashes will not be permitted. Any student wearing these will be instructed to remove them.
- Acrylic or fake nails will not be permitted.

We ask parents and students to carefully plan if they choose to book piercings. Health and Safety in several subjects require that some jewellery must be removed. Students need to ensure that piercings are completed and healed in ample time for items to be removed for such lesson. We will not accept student or parent requests for piercings to be left in place to heal if they breach health and safety guidelines.

Skirts

In response to our parental uniform consultation which received just under 500 responses we will be making changes to the college skirt. The new skirts will need to be worn to knee-length and will be available in three sizes and three lengths to accommodate students' height. Detailed information about these options will be made available on our school website.

No changes to our uniform policy for the flowing items

- Trainers will not be permitted.
- Blazers will remain and expected to be worn upon our return in September.
- Hoodies, logoed jumpers, or sweaters must not be worn.

At Ely College we strongly believe that our students' well-being and self-expression are vital elements in their overall development. However, the correct wearing of a uniform can be a significant help in setting high expectations and reducing the stress that young people can experience when uniforms do not exist. By allowing these alterations to our uniform policy, we aim to create an environment that balances tradition with the evolving needs and wishes of our student body and extended community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work together to foster a nurturing and inclusive educational community of which we can all be proud.

Yours faithfully



Simon Warburton
Principal