

Upper School Assembly



Ambition • Service • Kindness

Wednesday 21st June 2023

Emergency Evacuation – some reminders



- **Once the alarm sounds, leave** – even if the bell stops
- **Silent, single file, model expected behaviour** – calm & orderly
- **Never cut through the building.** Key staff will check rooms/toilets
- **Evacuation routes** – Science/Netherbury/Sandhurst/HU4/Music/Drama = Front
- **Alphabetical order** – a well spaced out, straight line is required
- **Absolute silence** - await instruction
- **Disperse** - when told to.... and in silence

It's about doing things right - to keep us all SAFE



Being comfortable in warmer/hot weather

- **Hydration** – drink plenty of water
- **Seek shade** – there are plenty of trees about
- **Sun protection** - Hats and sun cream
- **Physical activity** – don't overexert/heat!
- **Personal hygiene** – wear deodorant...please!
- **Lessons** – arrive and leave in full uniform
- **Bus travel** – be calm & still, relax & stay seated



Break & lunchtimes

- **Out of bounds areas** – ie helps supervision
- **Ball games** – wear shoes, please
- **Physicality** – NONE ... at all!
- **Noise & Litter** – be calm & thoughtful
- **Uniform** – ties worn & shirts tucked IN!



Formal Situations – How to conduct yourself

- **Formal situations and events:** Assemblies/weddings/funerals/celebrations/family gatherings/formal meals/museums, galleries etc
- **Common courtesy** – basic manners
- **Expected etiquette** – special ways you are expected to dress and conduct yourself
- **Language** – type, appropriateness, volume [... and when to be silent!]
- **Respectful behaviour** – sitting observing, focus, respecting customs and traditions



Uniform – we have non-negotiable high standards!



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Uniform and Appearance Expectations Now and Next Year

At Beaminster we believe that the smart, business-like appearance of our students is important.

We feel that our practical, comfortable and relatively inexpensive uniform helps **to instil pride, support positive behaviour/discipline, encourage identity with the school and protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.**

This is a view supported by the Governing body, teachers and the majority of parents and students.

Appearance Uniform Expectations – Learning

School should be a place where youngsters concentrate on their learning. Unfortunately concerns over fashion and body image can become a major distraction. Image has always been important to most teenagers and we would always wish to **encourage our students to take pride in their appearance**. However, many schools have become increasingly concerned about the **sexualisation of young people through inappropriately worn and/or tailored items of uniform such as figure-hugging or short skirts and skinny/tight trousers**. There have been many articles in the press regarding this, including schools that have banned skirts altogether. At Beaminster we have chosen to merely limit choice.

Appearance and Uniform Expectations – Choice

- We aim to make our uniform policy clear and comprehensive to assist parents and students in making the right choices. Being mindful of cost, the vast array of different body shapes and unpredictable growth spurts, we have tried to give parents the option to source as many uniform items as possible from their preferred suppliers. However, **retailers often advertise inappropriate items of clothing as ‘school uniform’.** This leads to inconsistencies and frustrations for parents, students and staff alike. Having consulted with student and parents, we introduced a standard skirt and trousers in September 2019 to reduce some of these inconsistencies.
- In June 2023, we introduced **shorts as an optional summer item for boys.** Unlike the girls – who have always had skirts as a cooler alternative to trousers, boys have had to wear trousers in all weathers – including on hot summer days. We hope therefore that this new option goes some way towards providing **equality/equity with regard to control over temperature regulation.** For this reason, only tailored boys shorts have been introduced. Girls should continue to wear skirts as a cooler alternative to trousers.

Appearance and Uniform Expectations – Fairness

One of the frustrations voiced by some parents and students is that a handful of individuals appear to “get away” with not complying with the uniform and appearance rules - whilst they/their own child dutifully sticks to them.

It's a frustration we understand and seek to address with regular uniform checks and by asking for the support of ALL parents.

Appearance and Uniform Expectations – Consistency

Many schools have taken fairly firm steps to address the issue of inconsistency. **Some schools have banned skirts altogether and isolated students wearing figure-hugging trousers, citing the number of student and teacher hours wasted tackling the age-old issues of how short or tight skirts and trousers are allowed to be.** Other schools require that all uniform is purchased from a sole supplier, who sell just one style of everything, just to ensure that ALL items of uniform meet the school's requirements. Some parents have welcomed both these steps, as it takes the decision-making away from them. Others feel that this has increased financial costs and removed their freedom to buy the best 'fit' for their child's shape. We hope we have reached a middle ground that has been welcomed by the majority of parents. However, should some students consistently flout the rules, we will insist they wear uniform supplied by us. **For example, if students cannot wear the school skirt at the correct length, they will be required to wear trousers that we provide.**

Shirt and Tie

- **Plain white shirt, stiff pointed collar, long sleeved, buttoned to the neck.**
- **The appropriate house tie (only available from school supplier).**
- Shirt is to be 'formal', standard/school, cotton/polyester (not flannel or linen etc).
- **Top button must be done up, shirt tails/bottom tucked into trousers/skirt at all times, sleeves rolled down.**
- **Clip-on tie is to be worn at all times, clipped onto the top button**, which should always be done up and worn at the appropriate length/style. Its fixed construction/design should not be altered in any way.
- Undergarments should not be visible beneath shirt (i.e. a plain white T-shirt with no logos to provide additional warmth/protection is acceptable as long as the V-neck jumper is also worn).
- Short sleeve shirts are optional for the Summer Term only.

Shirt and Tie



YES 😊



YES 😊



NO 😞

Long sleeves rolled up

V-Neck Jumper – with school crest

**Black, school V-neck jumper with crest
(only available from school supplier)**

- Must be worn at all times (except during the Summer Term) and must **not be tucked in to skirts or trousers, (or be rolled-up to look like it is tucked in).**
- No other jumpers or alternative tops are allowed (e.g. hoodies, sweatshirts or cardigans etc) and the sleeves of the jumper must not be rolled up at any time.

V-Neck Jumper – with school crest



Yes 😊



Yes 😊



No 😞

Jumper tucked into skirt
(+ non-pleated skirt + too short)



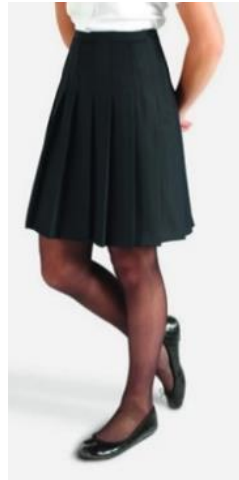
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Sleeves rolled up

Skirts and Trousers

- Standard School Trousers/Skirt
- Plain black full-length standard school trousers or black pleated skirt (to be purchased from Kitz)
- The standard pleated school skirt is the only skirt accepted. No other style/variant is permitted.
- It must be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee and no longer than mid-calf length [Where necessary, skirts should be altered to ensure they reach the knee whilst still fitting the waist].
- **Skirts must not be rolled-up at any time.**
- Standard school trousers must not be tight, excessively flared, long/short/skinny, rolled-up or considered extreme in fashion.
- No jeans or denim-type material, chinos, cords, leggings, shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ -length, multi-pocketed or combat style are permitted.
- Belts are to be black and a maximum of 5cm wide with a small, discreet buckle.
- Shorts are optional for boys in the Summer Term only.

Skirts and Trousers - What we require



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Kitz Pleated Skirt - worn at the correct length

😊 **YES**

KITZ Girls Trousers

----- 😊 **YES** -----

KITZ Boys Trousers

KITZ Boys Shorts

(Shorts Optional for Summer Term ONLY)

Skirts and Trousers - What we will NOT accept!



☹️ **NO**
Jean Style



☹️ **NO**
Unpleated + Short + Tight



☹️ **NO**
Too short



☹️ **NO**
Too tight

Footwear, socks/tights

Black leather, polishable, formal school shoe of a safe and supportive style.

- Heel height not exceeding 3cm, with a sensible sole appropriate for all indoor and outdoor floor surfaces.
- Socks should be plain black (not patterned) and of standard length (base of calf).
- Tights to be plain black, not patterned or textured.
- **Trainers/'trainer style' or 'hybrid' shoes or skate shoes (Nike/Vans etc) suede shoes, boots, canvas or ballet style, sling back, or open-toed shoes are not appropriate for school and should not be worn.**
- Trainers may only be worn when taking part in a sporting activity.

Appropriate Shoes



☺ YES ----- Boys -----

☺ YES ----- Girls -----

Footwear – what we will NOT accept



☹ NO boots



☹ NO canvas



☹ NO skate shoes



☹ NO sling-backs



☹ NO – ‘Hybrid’ trainer~shoe type/style footwear of any kind

Jewellery

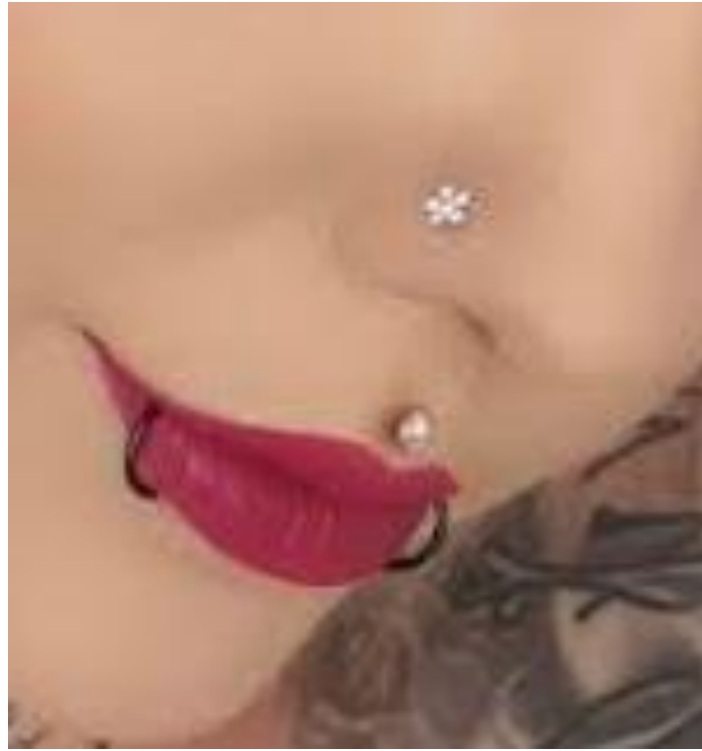
- **One pair of plain studs or sleepers (one in each earlobe).**
- **A plain wrist watch.**
- Studs or sleepers to be worn in the ear lobe only (not in the upper or inner part of the ear).
- Sleepers to be no larger in size than a 5p coin and no other 'dangly' earrings, stretchers, bars or any other type/style of earrings are allowed.
- No other rings, bands, necklaces, bracelets, bangles, visible piercings (e.g. nose/lip/eyebrow/tongue studs or rings) or 'decoration' permitted (and may not simply be covered with a plaster).
- 'Hidden' piercings may need to be removed for PE for safety.
- **All new piercings must take place in the summer holidays to allow the necessary healing to take place and so that they can be safely removed for PE lessons. Any piercing (other than the lobe of the ear) that takes longer than the length of the summer holiday to heal are not permitted.**

Jewellery - What we expect



☺ **YES** – small sleeper/stud in the lobe

Piercings – what we will NOT accept



☹️ **NO – other piercings of any kind**

Hair and Make-up

- Hair is to be tidy, of 'business-like' appearance and natural in colour – not dyed.
- NO make-up is allowed for Years 7 and 8.
- Discreet, natural looking make-up only for Years 9, 10 and 11.
- Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed.

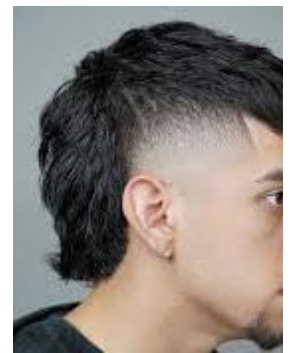
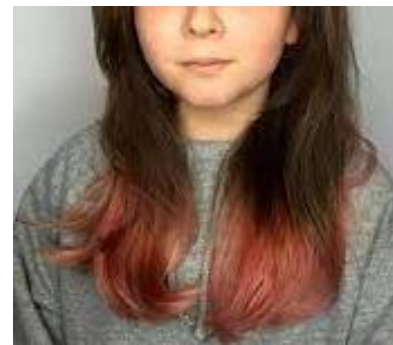
- Hair must not be extreme in style/length/decoration, contain patterns or lines or any colouring.
- Boys must remain clean shaven.
- Hair bands/ties/scrunchies are to be black and plain.

Hair and Make-up – what we will and WON'T accept



☺ YES

For Years 9-11 ONLY
(must be discreet)



☹ NO – heavy make-up, nail varnish, dyed/patterned/extreme hair

Diversity in Schools Week – June 23-30

Promoting and celebrating diversity, acceptance and inclusion = the theme of next week's assemblies 😊

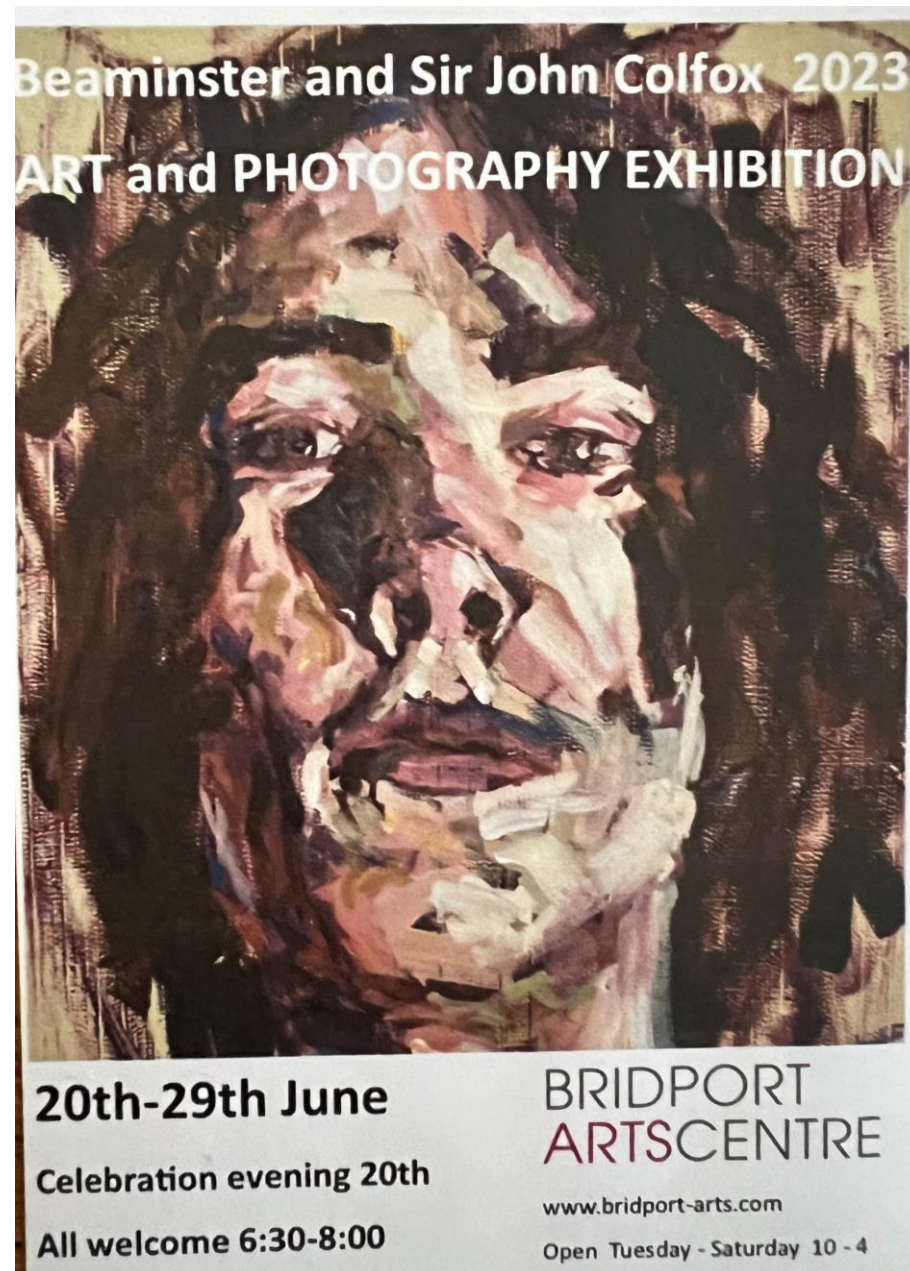
- Sexuality
- Gender
- Ethnic background
- Culture and Religion
- Sex, Age and Ability
- Outlooks/views/beliefs perspectives/opinions



Art & Photography Exhibition 2023

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Private View on 20th June
Runs until the 29th June

Go and see it - there is some
amazing A Level work on show!



Beaminster and Sir John Colfox 2023
ART and PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

20th-29th June
Celebration evening 20th
All welcome 6:30-8:00

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