

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to remind all families of our school uniform expectations. The full uniform policy is available on our school website and was also shared with students in the Student Handbook issued at enrolment.

As a University Technical College (UTC), our ethos is centred on professionalism and preparing students for the world of work. UTCs are designed to bridge the gap between education and employment by developing not only academic knowledge, but also the professional behaviours expected in modern workplaces. Maintaining high standards of uniform is an important part of this. It helps create a focused learning environment, encourages pride in the school community, and reinforces the professional standards that students will encounter in future careers.

Students who do not attend school in the correct uniform **run the risk of being sent home to change**. We are sharing this reminder in advance, so families have time to purchase any necessary items before expectations are enforced more strictly.

Please ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform each day. We kindly ask parents and carers to check in with their child regarding their clothing before they leave for school to ensure it meets our uniform expectations.

KS5 uniform expectations are outlined below: (Please see images at the end of this letter)

- **Trainers must be plain black only (including logos)** – students may be asked to change into school-provided plimsolls if footwear does not meet this requirement
- **No hoodies are allowed in school at any time** – hoodies must be removed before entering the school site (otherwise they will be confiscated)
- **No jackets or hats to be worn during lessons** – these will be confiscated if worn in class
- **Trousers must be worn properly** – no jeans or jogging/sports material
- **Sweatshirts must be plain with small logos only**
- **Skirts must be professional length**
- **Crocs, Foam shoes and slides are not permitted**
- **School shoes are allowed as normal**

If students **repeatedly attend school without the correct uniform**, the **Head of Year** will arrange a meeting with parents/carers and the student to discuss how we can work together to ensure expectations are met.

Water Bottles and Student Wellbeing

We encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated supports students' health, wellbeing, focus, and learning, and we hope this will help reduce the consumption of fizzy and energy drinks.

Please note:

- Energy drinks and high-caffeine drinks are banned items on site.
- Water refill stations are available on every floor and disposable cups are not provided.
- Water bottles should be clearly labelled with the student's name, and students should refill bottles during break and lunchtime.

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For **non-uniform days or school trips**, clothing expectations will always be shared with families in advance.

Our uniform standards help **support learning, minimise disruption, and maintain the professional ethos at the heart of the UTC model**. Thank you for your support in ensuring that all students arrive ready to learn and represent the school with pride.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Principal

