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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to upholding high standards of appearance and fostering a respectful and purposeful learning environment, I am writing to inform you of a number of important updates to our school uniform policy for the following academic year.

All pupils are required to have a school bag/rucksack to carry their equipment, planner and PE kit. The other uniform that is required is listed as follows:

Pupils in Years 7-9

- York High School V neck blue jumper.
- Plain white shirt with collar and top button.
- YHS Tie (Colour dependant upon Year Group).
- Plain black trousers or plain black knee length skirt (with black opaque tights).
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers. No coloured markings, reflective material, metal or additional markings.

Pupils in Years 10-11

- York High School V neck black jumper.
- Plain white shirt with collar and top button.
- York High School Tie (Colour dependant upon Year Group)
- Plain black trousers or plain black knee length skirt (with black opaque tights).
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers. No coloured markings, reflective material, metal or additional markings.

School trousers must have an **opening front fly fastened by a clip or button** to be classified as school trousers. Leggings, leggings, jeans and chino type trousers are not permitted.

PE Kit (compulsory for all pupils)

- Short Sleeved PE top with logo
- Long sleeved PE top with logo
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Trainers

During the Summer term, Summer Uniform comes into effect and we allow school tailored shorts for both boys and girls. Students are also permitted to not wear tights with their skirts during the **summer term only** so long as the skirt is knee length.

We believe that wearing the correct uniform fosters a sense of pride, unity, and discipline among our pupils. To maintain a consistent and professional appearance, we have established the following rules regarding uniform compliance:

Rules for Uniform

1. **Blue Line Rule:** Once pupils cross the blue line at the gate, they must be in full and correct uniform. This ensures that all pupils present themselves appropriately from the moment they enter the school premises.
2. **Uniform Standards:** Pupils are expected to adhere to the school's uniform standards (Appendix 2) at all times. This includes wearing the correct clothing, footwear, and accessories as outlined in the school's uniform policy.
3. **Uniform Checks:** Staff members will conduct regular uniform checks, including at the school gate. Any discrepancies or uniform infringements will be addressed promptly.
4. **Consequences for Non-Compliance:**
 - If a pupil is found not adhering to the uniform policy upon crossing the blue line, they may be sent home from the school gate to correct minor uniform infringements. Pupils are expected to return to school promptly in the correct uniform.
 - In some instances, pupils will be requested to change into the correct uniform for example, borrowing a tie or the correct shoes.
 - Refusal to wear the correct uniform will be viewed as not following a reasonable request and may result in being placed in Reflection or a suspension from school.

Jewellery Rules

We maintain a jewellery policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils and to promote a focused and respectful learning environment.

Rules for Jewellery

1. **Watches:**
 - Pupils are permitted to wear a standard watch. This allows pupils to keep track of time while ensuring that their appearance remains neat and in line with the school's dress code. Please note that smart watches are not permitted and are subject to the 'Rules for Mobile Phones' section of this policy.
2. **Studs:**
 - Pupils are permitted to wear a single pair of studs (one per ear), which must not be larger than the earlobe.
3. **No Other Jewellery:**
 - No other items of jewellery are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, large earrings, nose studs (clear plastic retainers are permitted), bracelets, necklaces, rings, and other piercings.
4. **Blue Line Rule:**
 - Once pupils cross the blue line at the gate, they must adhere to the jewellery policy. This means no non-permitted jewellery should be visible beyond the blue line.

Consequences for Wearing Jewellery

1. **First Occasion:**
 - The pupil will be asked to remove the jewellery immediately. The item will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.
2. **Repeated Occasions:**
 - If a pupil is found wearing jewellery repeatedly, the item will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or guardian.
 - Further violations may result in additional sanctions, such as detention or time in the Reflection Room depending on the severity and frequency of the offense.

Make-Up

We believe that maintaining a neat and professional appearance is important for creating a focused and respectful learning environment.

Rules for Make-Up

1. Discreet Make-Up Only:

- Pupils are permitted to wear make-up as long as it is discreet. This means that make-up, **including eye lashes**, should be subtle and natural-looking, enhancing the pupil's appearance without being overly noticeable or distracting.
- False or coloured nails are not permitted.

2. Blue Line Rule:

- Once pupils cross the blue line at the gate, they must adhere to the make-up policy. This means no visible, non-discreet make-up should be worn beyond the blue line.

3. Principal's Discretion:

- The decision as to what constitutes discreet make-up rests with the Principal. Pupils may be asked to adjust or remove make-up if it is deemed inappropriate or excessive.

Consequences for Non-Compliance

1. First Occasion:

- The pupil will be asked to adjust or remove the make-up immediately to meet the school's standards.

2. Repeated Occasions:

- If a pupil repeatedly fails to comply with the make-up policy, further disciplinary actions may be taken. This may include detention, time in the Reflection Room, or other appropriate measures.

It is wonderful to see the way our students at York High School wear their uniform with such pride. Should you require any assistance with purchasing an item of our uniform please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader so that we can offer support through our community cupboard.

I thank you in advance for your continued support with our uniform policy moving forwards into the academic year 2025/26.

Warm regards

Gavin Kumar

Principal