



## COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

### School Uniform Code

The wearing of the uniform is considered as a core behaviour issue in the same way as handing in homework, being well mannered and behaving properly during lessons.

Here at Colchester High School we regard the wearing of our School uniform as an essential feature of our pupils' education because it:

- Contributes to school unity
- Develops a sense of belonging
- Promotes pride in the school
- Reduces competitive dressing, relieving parents and students of the pressures to purchase expensive brand name clothing
- Develops a positive image of Colchester High School in the wider community
- Supports the safety and care of pupils by identifying them on the school grounds and while on excursions
- Helps instil in pupils a sense of purpose when they put on their uniform in the mornings
- Enhances the appearance of pupils and therefore the reputation of the school
- Overcomes the problem for both parents and teachers of what is or is not suitable for school
- Increases the focus of the pupil on learning because uniforms tend to promote a strong team spirit.

If a pupil is unable to wear school uniform on a particular day, he must have a written note from his parent or a person with parental responsibility.

If a pupil's uniform has fallen into an obvious state of disrepair or falls below the standards deemed to be acceptable by the School, parents or guardians will be requested to resolve the problem, if need be with the assistance of the school, within a given period of time.

The school is keen to maintain its positive public image within our community and to direct its time and energies towards effective teaching and learning. With parental support, our teaching resources will not be needed to follow up on non-compliance with the Uniform Code of Conduct.

Colchester High School will ensure that all parents of new students are made aware of the importance of the Uniform Code of Conduct. Parents will be expected to send their children to Colchester High School with a full understanding of adherence to the uniform code.

## **School Uniform**

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students and anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing may expect to be sent home to get changed.

- Hair colour, length and style must be appropriate for school.
- Jewellery is not permitted in school (including studs and earrings).
- Coats and other outdoor clothing may not be worn in school.
- Blazers and ties must be worn to and from School and in lessons, unless 'shirt sleeve order' is announced.

## **Valuables and Lost Property**

### **Valuables**

Please do not bring expensive items or large sums of money to school. Radios and personal entertainment equipment must never be brought to school under any circumstances.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property should be handed in to the school office without delay. If you lose something please enquire at the school office and if the item has not already been handed in you should tell your form teacher.