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<i>Members of staff responsible:</i>	<i>Assistant Headteacher (Mr Pryor)</i>
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PERSONAL PRESENTATION

It is the policy of this school that all students wear a school uniform. This ensures that we have a code of dress which is both smart and practical and in which there is no social or financial distinction.

Our school image is important to us and, since first impressions often count, we want our students to present a smart, business-like appearance. This is important on all those occasions when they need to present a positive image, not only of the school community, but also of themselves as individuals.

The school expects all students to conform to the policy in terms of personal presentation.

However, the school values the fact that the vast majority of our students are proud to wear the Birkdale uniform and to present a positive image of the school and themselves.

In all cases students not conforming to what the school considers to be acceptable will be disciplined, which may include isolating them until the issue has been resolved.

UNIFORM

A large number of items can be purchased from the school shop. A list of these items and the cost can be found on the school website.

Compulsory

White shirt (which is long enough to be tucked in), long or short sleeved
Tie – This must be a school issue tie only. No alternative ties will be permitted
Black school trousers
Navy blue blazer with school badge
Black or dark grey socks

As of September 2015 the school's policy relating to footwear is as follows:

Sensible black, plain shoes must be worn that are leather or leather looking. Shoes that are fabric or suede will not be permitted. Similarly, boots, training/sports shoes or sports brands will not be permitted. Shoes must be plain black with no logos, stripes or additional colours present (including the sole of the shoe) and the laces must be black. Ideally shoes with Velcro fastenings should not be worn. If shoes with Velcro fastenings are worn they must conform to the parameters set out above.

Students that wear shoes to school that do not comply with the policy will be issued for appropriate footwear by the school for the day.

Outdoor Coat: Plain black or navy. Hooded tops and sports tops are not permitted as alternatives to wearing an outdoor coat.

Optional

Navy Blue jumper with school badge. No other jumper/hooded top should be worn underneath the student's blazer.

All students are expected to wear their uniform correctly. Full uniform must be worn when travelling to and from school with the shirt tucked in at all times. The top button must always be fastened and the tie fastened up to the top button with six stripes showing.

Students must not wear any of the following items of clothing or footwear:

Sweatshirts, baseball hats, trainers, casual shirts, boots. This is not a definitive list and any item of clothing which is a clear breach of the school uniform requirements is not permitted.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

Hairstyles:

Hairstyles which are extreme in any way are not acceptable such as:

Shaved heads, patterned shaving or contrasts in colour
No vibrant and/or unnatural colours are allowed
Hair extensions and braiding are not allowed
No haircuts shorter than a No 2 are allowed

Students and parents unsure about the appropriateness of certain haircuts should approach the respective Head of Year **before deciding** whether to have their hair cut in that fashion.

Watches are the only items of jewellery that students are permitted to wear. The wearing of makeup is not permitted.

PE kit:

BOYS' INDOOR KIT

White polo shirt with school badge
White ankle sports socks
Navy blue shorts with school badge
Sports shoes with black rubber soles

BOYS' OUTDOOR KIT

Navy blue rugby shirt with school badge
Navy blue football socks
Navy blue shorts with school badge

Football boots with studs are essential for boys' outdoor lessons as training shoes do not provide a sure footing on wet grass. Correct kit must be worn for all lessons and students may shower after every lesson if they wish. Pupils must wear shin pads when they are timetabled to play football. Similarly, students must wear a gum shield when playing rugby.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF PE KIT ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

Confiscation

If any student is seen to be wearing any item of clothing that does not conform to the uniform requirements, and/or is wearing jewellery other than that permitted, the teacher concerned will confiscate the offending items. Items of jewellery will be put in an envelope, with the student's name on, and it will be placed in the school safe. Items of confiscated clothing will be placed in the school office with the student's name on it. Students can collect confiscated items at the end of the school day from the Main Office. If items are confiscated from the same student on more than one occasion in any half-term,

parents/carers will be asked to collect the confiscated item(s). Please refer to the confiscation policy for further guidance.

Additional equipment

Equipment: Students need a **school bag** in which to carry books and equipment. This needs to be big enough to carry A4 size folders and books. They are expected to provide basic equipment for lessons including:

PEN, PENCILS, RUBBER, CRAYONS, RULER ideally in a pencil case. (All of these items can be purchased from the school shop).

READING Students in Years 7 – 10 are expected to bring a reading book with them every Friday for ERIC. In Year 11 students are expected to have appropriate revision material with them for silent study every Friday morning.