



The Banovallum School

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“Pupils wear their uniform correctly.” (Ofsted, December 2017)

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to detail the uniform requirements from September 2018 onwards and also to thank parents for their support over our drive to improve standards in this area over the past academic year. I am delighted to say that the vast majority of students have worn their uniform correctly and with great pride since the start of the academic year, a fact commented upon by visitors to the school and by people in Horncastle with no links to the school.

The specifics will be detailed in a uniform document which will be sent out before the summer holidays, but the general principles are as they have always been:

- Blazers should be worn unless the temperature rises to a point where this becomes uncomfortable. Students will be advised on this via the student bulletin.
- Ties should be worn at all times with a white shirt.
- Shirts should have the top button fastened and be tucked in to the waistband.
- Black trousers should be traditionally tailored and not be “skinny” fit. They should not be jeans, nor should they be above the students’ ankles.
- Socks should be black, grey or navy blue. Trainer socks of whatever colour are not allowed. White socks are only allowed for sport and should not be worn as part of the normal school uniform.
- The length of skirts, when worn instead of trousers, should be just above the knee and should not be rolled up at the waistband. The Banovallum logo should be visible on school skirts.
- School shoes should be traditional black leather and polishable school shoes. Black trainers, however discreetly logoeed are not allowed, nor are canvas shoes. I appreciate that some outlets sell these styles in the school shoes section or aisles, but these are not part of Banovallum School’s uniform.

As I said earlier in the letter, the vast majority of students wear their uniform with pride and are a credit to the school. By wearing the correct uniform, they are preparing themselves for the world of work where they will be expected to dress professionally and appropriately; a fact borne out by the extremely professional appearance of the Year 10 students during their recent mock interviews with local business leaders.

I hope this provides early enough clarity for parents and will enable the correct uniform to be purchased prior to the start of the new academic year.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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