



The
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: TPA School Uniform

I am writing to ask for your continued support for our school uniform policy.

Here at The Portsmouth Academy, we consider the wearing of the correct school uniform to be an important part of our school culture and ethos. You may ask why we expect all of our students and parents to uphold our uniform policy, which you will have been made aware of when your child started at TPA. We believe it is important that your child is in correct school uniform because:

- It shows they belong to the school community
- It shows they are proud of the school community
- It shows a respect for the school community
- It reduces conflict with staff, therefore building positive relationships

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of students coming to school in incorrect uniform, whether this is a missing tie, a Lycra skirt, a non-school uniform jumper or trainers/boots instead of school shoes. Therefore, I thought it would be useful to write and remind you of TPA's uniform requirements, giving you time over the half term holiday to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform for their return to school on 3rd November 2020.

As the winter months approach, it is advisable for girls to wear trousers instead of skirts and for all students to come to school in a warm winter coat, which must be removed once in the building.

I have attached a copy of the uniform list, together with some 'Dos and Don'ts' that are displayed around the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andrew Hatherley
Vice Principal: Making Excellence a Habit