



Thriftwood

School and College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families enjoyed a restful summer break.

It has been a pleasure welcoming our students back to college this week, and we are looking forward to a successful year ahead filled with learning, opportunities, and achievement.

As we start the new term, I must remind you of the importance of following our uniform expectations. We have noticed that a number of students have returned to college not in the correct uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps to promote the ethos of Thriftwood College, provides students with a sense of belonging, and establishes positive routines for college life.

For Key Stage 4 students (Years 10 and 11), uniform is a requirement. The main uniform consists of:

- Navy blazer (optional) with a Thriftwood badge (badges also optional)
- Black or grey trousers or knee-length skirt (no tracksuit bottoms or leggings)
- White shirt or polo top
- Thriftwood tie (optional, available from the college office)
- Burgundy sweatshirt or jumper (optional, no hoodies)
- Sensible black shoes or plain black trainers
- In hot weather, grey or black smart shorts (chino/school style) may be worn

PE Kit should include:

- Plain T-shirt
- Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms (in winter)
- Trainers
- Roll-on deodorant (no aerosols)

Jewellery, grooming and appearance:

- Only one small plain ring and small stud earrings are permitted (to be removed or covered for PE).
- No other jewellery or piercings, including facial piercings or tongue studs, are allowed.
- Learners in Years 7–9 should not wear make-up. In Year 10 onwards, it should be discreet.
- False nails, fake eyelashes, extreme hairstyles, and unnatural hair colours are not permitted.

For Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13), uniform is not required, but we ask students to dress in a smart/casual manner. This means:

- No hoods or hats inside
- Sensible shoes/trainers (no high heels)
- No logos/images that may cause offence
- No low-cut tops, midribs showing, or short dresses/skirts

We ask that all uniform concerns are addressed by Monday 8th September. From next week, if a student is still not in the correct uniform, they will be spoken to individually and home may be contacted.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring all students represent Thriftwood College positively. If you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform, please do get in touch so we can work with you to resolve this.

Yours sincerely,



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