



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach our annual summer holidays, it is timely to write with some general reminders about Governors' expectations regarding uniform and personal appearance. For example, there are sometimes problems when students return after a break from school and holiday hairstyles, gel nails, etc. have not fully washed/grown out or been removed. In order to ensure that we make a positive, focused start to the new academic year, it is important that we are not distracted by any 'misunderstandings' regarding uniform or appearance. We ask that you pay particular attention to the section on skirts, in terms of not having very short skirts caused by pupils rolling them over at the waist, as this is causing the most frequent issues currently. **In the final analysis, decisions regarding whether a student's appearance complies with Governors' requirements, are a matter of judgement for year leaders and senior staff.**

The starting point in terms of **uniform requirements for students in Years 7 – 11** is the detailed information included in the student planner and on the school website. It may, however be helpful to elaborate on a few points:

- **Skirts** - The planner details that only the school regulation skirt may be worn. This **should not** be altered by pupils rolling it over at the waist. The skirt is a pleated style skirt. Pupils in years 9, 10 & 11 may continue to wear the old style, straight skirt but will be issued with a sanction if the length of the skirt is inappropriate or if the skirt is rolled over at the waist. **PLEASE NOTE: from September 2019, where pupils choose to wear a skirt, the pleated style skirt will be the only one accepted for pupils in ALL year groups. The straight style skirt will no longer be acceptable.**
- **Trousers** – Only school regulation navy trousers are permitted. These are also available from Beverley Music and Dance. However, an alternative regulation trouser can be purchased from Marks and Spencer online and from our online uniform supplier, Price and Buckland. Please see the Uniform Code on the school website for details.
- **Hair styles** - Our code details that 'extreme hair styles' are not allowed. As a general guide, examples of "extreme" hair styles might include hair that is dyed an artificial colour; any 'two-tone' colouring/bleaching for example the effect resulting from hair being 'dip dyed'; excessive use of a hair product to encourage hair to stand up; hair that is shaved very short in some places but is left longer in other places etc.
- **Sunglasses** – sunglasses **should not** be worn by pupils within the school buildings.
- **Jewellery** – School uniform code is clear that **only** a wrist watch, 1 ring and 1 pair of stud earrings or small hoops are allowed.
- **Make up** – **Make up is not allowed at Beverley High School.** This includes any form of false or insert eyelashes, over- exaggerated eyebrows and gel nails – see below.
- **Nails** – In addition to coloured nail varnish/gel polish (including nude colours) not being allowed, nails of excessive length are not acceptable.
- **Shoes** – **Flat, black in leather or PVC** (and **not anything in a 'boot' style or that rises above the ankle**) should be worn for school. Sandals, canvas shoes or plimsolls and high heels constitute a health and safety risk and are therefore not allowed. In addition, shoes should be plain in style and without any coloured/metallic decoration or **a different coloured sole** etc.
- **Mobile phones etc.** – Please refer to the detailed policy information on school website but, in short, mobile electronic communication devices are not allowed to be seen or used in school during lessons or at times of lesson changeover/transit. **Phones must be turned off and in the pupils' bags during lesson time.** Some very serious incidents have occurred out of school, (some involving the Police) arising out of the use of mobile phone technology and postings on social networking sites. Parents are



therefore reminded of the importance of helping young people to understand how to use this technology responsibly, and of the very serious consequences that can result in failing to do so.

Failure to conform to the above school rules will result in pupils losing their social time until the matter can be resolved. I am sure that we would all like to avoid unnecessary confrontation and focus on learning in order to build upon the high levels of attainment already achieved by our students. Indeed, feedback from parents suggests that our relentless and consistent focus on discipline, including enforcing Governors' requirements in relation to uniform, appearance and the use of mobile phones, is a key factor in ensuring high quality learning and ultimately examination results.

If you have any enquiries regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's Year Leader or Assistant Year Leader, as detailed below.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer and we look forward to welcoming your daughter back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J. Howarth
Assistant Headteacher
(Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Year Leader</u>	<u>Assistant YL</u>
7	Ms C Rogan	Mrs K Mayfield
8	Ms C Rogan	Mrs T Watson
9	Ms C Rogan	Miss C Smith
10	Mrs M Clark	Ms F Scott
11	Mrs M Clark	Ms F Scott