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Dear Parent/ Carer

Uniform Expectations September 2021

I would like to draw your attention to some changes to our school uniform as of September 2021.

Smart Starts

Smart school uniform is very important to us at QEGS. We expect that all students are in full uniform to start the term. Uniform cards will be issued next academic year and will be signed if students do not have correct uniform without a valid note from home countersigned by tutors. Three signatures will equate to uniform detentions which are easily avoided by wearing the expected uniform. Please see the school website for full guidance on standards and expectations for school uniform: www.qegs.link/uniform

School Skirt:

Black skirts will no longer be part of our school uniform. You were informed in 2018 that the school would be moving to the grey pleated skirt for all students who wish to wear a skirt. Details of where this can be purchased is at the bottom of the letter. If students prefer to wear trousers, then these need to be smart, not cropped/ankle grazing and not skinny or stretch fit. Strictly no jeans.

PE Kit:

On days where students have PE lessons they should come to school in their PE kit, wearing their lanyard and blazer over the top. This does not apply for co-curricular clubs and students will get changed after school for these.

PE kit consists of:

- QEGS PE rugby shirt or polo shirt;
- QEGS PE midlayer
- QEGS PE mid-thigh length skirt or QEGS PE shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings
- Red sports socks or white ankle socks;
- Trainers & football boots.
- Shinpads
- Gum shield

Please note that hoodies are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. However, if students want to bring an additional layer, to wear during their PE lesson, this can consist of the QEGS midlayer, a plain black sweatshirt or a plain black shower proof jacket, for outdoor activities. From September 2021, QEGS branded hoodies will not be permitted PE kit. This is based on Health and Safety guidance.

For outdoor lessons, particularly for options that take place on the playing fields in the first two terms, students are encouraged to bring spare QEGS PE kit or their school uniform so that they can get changed at the end of the lesson, if they are wet or covered in mud.

QEGS PE Kit



School Shoes

These should be plain black leather style shoes. No trainers, pumps or sandals to be worn.



Jewellery

One small single stud in each lobe and a wristwatch are permitted. No facial piercings or multiple ear piercings. Please do not permit your child to get new piercings before return to school without enough time for them to heal. They will be expected to remove excess piercings.

Purchasing School Uniform

- School's In - Shop Stores (Meir, Stone & Nantwich)

From 1st July, the School's In shops will be open Monday – Saturday from 9:00 – 5:00. Appointments will be available to book via their website www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk. Appointments are not mandatory, walk in custom is fine, however appointments would take priority. The shops will still follow social distancing in store so please advise to minimise the amount of family members that come into store however pushchairs will be allowed if necessary.

- School's In - Website

Stock availability; PE kit is in stock and a new arrival of blazers are due for the end of July with some sizes available now. School's In are happy to take orders in store and online for any blazer size currently out of stock and will inform customers once they arrive and their order is fulfilled. Out of stock items online will be fulfilled as soon as possible.

School's In feel this is a great way to purchase your children's uniform if they are existing students who have grown out of their current uniform, and you are familiar with the sizes. Please avoid ordering different sizes by guessing, as this will use up limited stock for other customers. If unsure contact School's In for help. Parents/carers will be responsible for the return postage on exchanges (via Paypal invoice) or making an appointment via the School's In website to exchange within store.

Customers ordering online can choose from home delivery, click and collect from store or a Local Pickup service from 'Stepping Stones' Shoe shop in Ashbourne.

- School's In - In School Pop Up Shops: Tuesday 10th – Saturday 14th August, 10am – 4pm, QEGS Sports Hall. Go to www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/popupshop to book an appointment at QEGS.

School's In will be based in the Main Hall. The same guidelines will apply as if you were purchasing in store. School's In feel these events will be the safest environment to purchase uniform, as social distancing will be at a maximum. Pop up changing rooms will be available. This will be the ideal way for children attending QEGS for the first time to purchase uniform. School's In would prefer payment in stores or pop-up shops to be made by card payment but cash can be taken.

Sixth Form Uniform

All students in Years 12 and 13 will be required to follow the Sixth Form Dress Code, which can be found towards the bottom of the web page below:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/sixth-form/#1554732830215-8ac96c2f-60f1>

Ties (£7) and pin badges (£3) will be available for purchase on Results Day and during the first week of term.

And finally...we have a message from our Year 12 students who are Heads of Environment, Millie and Josh:

"We have organised a collection point for school uniform to be donated when students have grown out of it. This is to cut down on waste and encourage sustainability.

We would like to encourage everybody to bring in their used uniform, especially blazers, ties and PE kit, that they do not need anymore. We will set up a collection point in reception at main site, and in the big red collection bin at the Sixth Form entrance.

All contributions are welcome and we will be using them to set up a school uniform bank for students, to reuse uniforms and reduce waste".

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Yours faithfully



Laura Betty
Deputy Headteacher