

24th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year, and it has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students and see the Weldon family continue to grow. Over the past three weeks, our focus has been on supporting all students as they settle back into school routines, build positive habits and make a strong start to their learning. As students are now becoming fully established in their routines, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some of our key expectations and ask for your continued support in ensuring they are met consistently.

At Weldon, we expect every student to arrive at school fully equipped and ready to learn each day. As a minimum, students should bring:

- A pencil case containing a pen, pencil and ruler
- Refillable water bottle (not glass)
- Full PE kit for PE days

Having the correct equipment helps students engage fully in lessons, take pride in their learning and develop the responsibility and independence that will serve them well both in school and beyond.

We have also been delighted by how smart our students look in their uniform, with our Year 7 cohort making an especially positive impression. As is often the case at the start of a new school year, we have noticed a small number of students who are not yet meeting our uniform expectations in areas such as jewellery, hair colour and skirt length.

We appreciate that the start of term provides an opportunity for students and families to adjust to routines and expectations. However, as we move further into the term, we now expect all students to comply fully with our uniform policy. Consistency is important in helping us maintain high standards, fairness and a positive learning environment for everyone. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school each day correctly equipped and dressed in line with our uniform expectations. Working together helps us minimise unnecessary conversations about uniform and equipment, allowing staff to focus on what matters most which is supporting students to learn and achieve their very best.

A reminder of our uniform expectations is included below. All school policies can also be found on our website.

Uniform Requirements

All of the uniform to be worn by students in Years 7 to 11 is available to be purchased from KS School Wear. The Kettering store is open six days a week for students to be able try on uniform before ordering.

Compulsory for all Years 7-11:

Jumper - Navy V-necked with the school logo. Jumpers are compulsory throughout the school year and should be worn at all times including break and lunchtimes and to and from school. During lessons, members of staff may allow them to be removed. Not acceptable: Hoodies. Hoodies worn onsite will be confiscated.

Trousers - Plain dark **grey**, full length, suit style trousers. Trousers must be worn at the waist and not below. Not acceptable: leggings, jeans or denim style, chinos, or cropped (short) trousers.

Shorts - Plain dark grey, knee length, suit style shorts may be worn in place of full-length trousers.

Skirt - Academy pleated skirt worn at **knee length**. No other types of skirt are acceptable.

Shirt - Plain white collared shirt or blouse, long or short-sleeved, button-through with pointed collar (to be worn tucked in and fastened at neck).

Tie - Academy clip on tie with the school logo

Shoes - Formal plain black shoes, leather or leather-look, with low heels. Shoes and laces must be black. Not acceptable: trainers, trainer style footwear, sports style footwear or plimsolls, sandals, boots or steel-tipped shoes. Shoes should be worn to and from school and around the school site unless a sporting activity is being undertaken. Boots may be worn to and from school for safety reasons in extreme weather but must be changed for school shoes within the buildings.

Socks - **Plain black** or black tights. Students should not come to school without socks or tights. White socks are **not** permitted.

Coats and Jackets (optional) - Outdoor coats should be of a dark colour and may be worn to and from school and at break and lunch times. Coats do not replace jumpers: they should be worn over the jumper. They should be left in lockers during the school day for safe keeping.

Hats, Gloves and Scarves - These may be worn to and from school in cold weather. All items are to be removed once entering the school premises for morning registration. Hats, gloves and scarves may be worn during break and lunch times when weather appropriate but not in lessons. Head scarves may be worn for religious reasons.

Hair - Hair should be tidy and of reasonable appearance. **Hair colour must be natural looking**. Hair accessories should be plain, small and unobtrusive in colour and style. **Not acceptable: Extremes of hair colour (any colour that could not be natural)**. Extremes of hair style. Patterns or logos shaved into the hair.

Jewellery - For reasons of smart appearance, and to comply with health and safety rules, only a watch, one ring and two pairs of stud earrings are allowed. **Not acceptable: Any other form of face or body piercing or jewellery, smart watches.** Excess jewellery will be confiscated and may be collected by arrangement. Note: No jewellery at all may be worn during PE.

Makeup - Discreet, natural-looking, make up only will be allowed.

Not acceptable: Nail varnish or bright lipstick. False nails. False eyelashes. Excess makeup will need to be removed.

If you require any support or have any questions regarding uniform or equipment, please contact your child's House Office in the first instance using the details below:

House Teams

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Thank you for your continued support.

Warm Wishes



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