



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Uniform Policy Changes

In consultation with our students and the school's Governing Body in recent months, we have amended our uniform policy. It is important that our school's uniform policy (in line with Government guidance - reducing costs for families wherever possible) remains one that insists on the highest standards in order to protect the integrity of our young people. It is also important that our students feel their voices are listened to.

Our recently ratified uniform policy is now live on our website and I attach a copy to this communication also. This policy covers expectations for students in Years 7-14.

I have summarised below the most significant changes to policy in recent years however the list is not exhaustive, and I do ask you to address the policy for full transparency.

Students are allowed to:

- Wear one discreet plain ear stud (no larger than 5mm) in the lowest part of each ear lobe. Studs may be gold or silver.
- Wear their hair loose but hair must be tied back in the following lessons due to health and safety reasons: PE; science; design technology; food technology. Students must use their own hair ties in these lessons.
- Wear a plain navy/black outer coat. Sport/logo coats, hooded tops, bodywarmers/gilets are **not permitted**. Coats must cover the blazer length and be smart in style.

A reminder that:

- Girls are permitted to wear navy blue knife pleat skirts or mid grey trousers. Skirts MUST be knife-pleat in design and worn to cover the knee cap. Should girls persistently infringe the knee length requirement, the Headteacher reserves the right to insist that student wear trousers only.
- Students are not permitted to wear headphones/ear buds on site – Year 7 to Year 14.

School bags for the school year 25/26:

- Year 9 students should carry a plain navy blue/black rucksack
- Year 8 students should carry a navy rucksack with school logo
- Year 7 students should carry a black rucksack with school logo

Students are NOT permitted to:

- Wear make-up/false or tinted eyelashes/painted or false nails
- Dye or have hair of a non- natural colour
- Wear hair covers for a non-religious/cultural purpose
- Wear outdoor coats indoors
- Wear coats instead of school/suit blazers
- Wear a jumper without wearing a blazer

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We hope that students recognise the importance of a school uniform policy that looks to protect and inspire them. We believe the recent changes in policy recognise student voice and the school's ever inclusive policy intent whilst ensuring we uphold the highest standards.

Consequences will be issued to students in a proportionate manner for uniform infractions. However, we do not apologise for our high uniform expectations as set out in our behaviour and uniform policies and the resulting consequences for not adhering to our expectations. We request that all parents and carers who choose to send their child to Trinity Catholic High School and Sixth Form support us with regard to all uniform expectations.

The policy will take effect from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to allow parents and carers time to purchase replacement items such as outgrown skirts or trousers. A grace period will be allowed for replacing shoes, and students are expected to be in the correct footwear at the start of the new academic year.

Should you have any queries with regard the uniform policy, please contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to further clarify details.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Declan Linnane".

Declan Linnane  
**Headteacher**