



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

6th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As shared in last week's Newsletter, we have updated our Uniform Policy for September, in line with DfE guidelines.

The updated policy supports the school to:

1. Promote a sense of community and belonging to the school
2. Engender a sense of pride in, and loyalty to, the school
3. Enable students to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
4. Avoid discrimination and promote fairness and equality

We hope the new Policy avoids unnecessary waste, supports families financially and encourages the growth of uniform exchanges and second-hand uniform sales.

The full policy will be published on our website for September, but in summary the key changes from September are:

- Students in years 7 – 11 can opt for **black trousers** OR a **green kilt**
- Red kilts will be phased out; in September Year 8 students (current Year 7) can continue wearing red kilts if they wish OR they can wear a green kilt OR black trousers
- Branded PE shorts and socks will also be phased out and be replaced by plain black shorts (no leisure style or “hot pants”) and plain black football socks for outdoor activities and plain white short socks for indoor activities (Students in Years 8 – 11 can continue to wear existing branded items if they still fit)

We continue to encourage our students to wear traditional style black school shoes, however, students are permitted to wear black, leather, polishable leisure shoes.

Our hair, make-up and jewellery rules have also been updated and can be found below. Some key reminders and changes have been highlighted.

Hair, Make-Up and Jewellery for Years 7 - 11		
Jewellery/Make-up	<p>Jewellery: Jewellery must not be worn, except for one discreet necklace, plain studs/small earrings in each ear and one bracelet.</p> <p>No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities such as DT or Food Tech. Ensure jewellery can be removed for these subjects.</p> <p>Facial Piercings: Students can wear a nude-coloured retainer; no other nose piercing is allowed.</p> <p>Tongue piercings, facial jewellery, including eyebrow piercings, or similar body piercings must never be worn.</p>	Compulsory

	<p>Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process.</p> <p>Make up: Obvious or extreme makeup is not allowed – for example, bright lipstick, light or heavy eyeliner, fake eyelashes.</p> <p>Students are allowed to have short false or painted nails.</p>	
Hairstyles and colours	<p>Extreme hairstyles are prohibited; this may include full or partial shaving (including 'tram-lines' or other patterns).</p> <p>Hair should not be dyed (either permanent or semi-permanent) beyond colours close to natural hair colours (e.g. green, pink, blue or purple colours are NOT permitted).</p>	Compulsory

Please contact admin@king-james.co.uk if you have any worries about providing uniform for your child or if you are interested in purchasing second-hand uniform.

Thank you in advance in supporting our students to be ready for learning,

Kind regards,



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