

Newlands Girls' School

Courage Commitment Compassion

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you ahead of the summer holidays, to set out very clearly our rules around piercings and uniform. This information can also be found in both our Behaviour and School Uniform policies, both of which are on the school website.

Each year, a small, but growing number of students present with additional piercings over the course of the academic year. **These are not permitted.** I want to be totally transparent in relation to the school rules, as stated very clearly in our policies, which have been ratified by the Board of Governors.

1. Students in Years 7-9 may wear one pair of stud earrings (**not hoops**) only.
2. Students in Years 10 and 11 are permitted to wear two pairs of stud earrings (**not hoops**) only.

No other piercings will be allowed in school. They cannot be covered with a plaster, or a visible plastic retainer. If students attend school from September wearing a piercing which is not permitted and they cannot or refuse to remove it, this will be treated as a behaviour issue and sanctions will be in place.

The policy is very clear and is on the school website. Please do look if you are at all unsure. We request the support of ALL parents and carers in upholding our very high standards of uniform and behaviour. If your child wishes to have their nose (or indeed any other part of her body) pierced, this needs to wait until after the end of Year 11.

Additional ear and nose piercings are permitted in our Sixth Form (but no other piercings are allowed).

I would also like to remind everyone that if you are purchasing new kilts or summer dresses over the holiday, they must be on the knee or below and students are not permitted to wear trainers to school. If you are purchasing Sixth Form uniform, the black suit jacket and skirt can be purchased from any retailer, but stretch-style skirts are not permitted. Black Sixth Form skirts must be tailored and appropriate in length.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our specified P.E. kit, as outlined in our Uniform Policy. In making the uniform more affordable, you are now able to buy black shorts from any supplier. However, Nike Pro shorts (or similar) very 'short' shorts are not suitable for P.E. nor should they be worn on non-uniform days. Clothing must always be appropriate for the school day.

It is expected that all students should arrive in September in full school uniform (summer dresses are only for use in the summer term, unless advised otherwise in Newlands News). If the weather is unseasonably warm (as it was in September 2023) we will review this and communicate with you via ARBOR.

I hope this clarifies our policy and I thank you in advance for your support in maintaining our high standards. I would also like to applaud and thank the vast majority of our students who come to school immaculately dressed and presented on a daily basis.

Kind regards

Miss Jo Capon
Headteacher



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

