

15 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach half term and the mid-point of this academic year, it feels timely to review with our students some of our CRHS expectations. Our school mantra is *'We are willing to learn, ready to work and we respect each other'*. This includes coming to school appropriately dressed in school uniform and having the necessary equipment, such as pens, pencils, a calculator and planner.

Our uniform policy was reviewed following a consultation exercise in 2022. The central Department for Education Sport and Culture also undertook an island-wide uniform consultation in 2023. As a result, we have a policy which we believe is practical and reasonable for all to follow. Uniform helps foster a sense of cohesion and equality so that children from all different backgrounds are treated fairly. Many work places have a dress code and so adhering to our uniform policy also helps prepare our young people for the future. Wearing a uniform does not, on its own, lead to better educational outcomes, but it is an important and visible sign of high expectations and a sense of community and shared purpose. As such, it contributes to our school ethos of *'care, quality and opportunity'*.

A reminder of the school uniform and equipment list can be found in all student planners, on our website and it is attached to this letter for your convenience. The policy applies to all students in year groups 7 - 11. If there is an affordability issue with school uniform, please get in touch with the tutor or head of year. Similarly, if there are exceptional circumstances leading to a young person being unable to adhere to the policy, we are happy to discuss this with the individual parent or carer.

Being correctly dressed and prepared ensures our young people arrive to lessons in the right frame of mind to learn. We want all our young people to take pride in the school and in themselves and so we are asking for your support with the resetting of standards after the half term holiday.

Best wishes for an enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully



K. Winstanley,
Head teacher

CRHS Uniform for Years 7 – 11

- Blue shirt or blouse with shirt collar and school tie
- Plain blue, grey or black tailored full-length trousers* or a skirt of appropriate length**. Short, tight skirts are not appropriate for school.
- Or blue, grey or black tailored shorts. Short, tight shorts are not appropriate for school.
- Blue blazer with CRHS logo
- Blue V-neck jumper or cardigan (optional with blazer - not instead of a blazer).
- Socks or plain black, grey or flesh coloured tights*.
- Plain black footwear
- Outdoor coats and hoodies are permitted to be worn in the school building but should be removed in classrooms if requested.
- Hairstyles, hair colour and jewellery will only be judged in terms of health and safety concerns, in particular hair accessories should be minimised.

* Not denim or leggings, no rips, slits, or studs.

**Fashions change and interpretations can be subjective, where a judgement call is required (for example on an issue of appropriate skirt length/modesty the Head of Year will decide in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team).

PE Kit

Sky blue/navy rugby shirt with CRHS logo (rugby/ football)* OR sky blue/navy windbreaker with CRHS logo (netball/hockey)**

PLAIN short sleeved sky blue t-shirt*

PLAIN navy shorts/skort/leggings (unbranded with no graphics or text on the leg)

PLAIN sky blue knee length sports socks (Games)

Short white socks (PE)

Trainers/astro shoes

Studded boots (football/rugby)

One piece swimming costume and towel

CRHS Equipment for Learning

Planner

Subject books and a reading book

Pens, pencils, ruler and an eraser

Coloured pencils and a sharpener may also be useful

A scientific calculator, protractor and a pair of compasses will be needed for Maths lessons