



## THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON

### SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Thomas Becket Catholic School is to realise its vision by being a Catholic School for excellence. We are committed to the development of the whole person by means of a continuing journey through learning, personal development, community and worship. Behaviour management is an integral part of the whole School curriculum which teaches models and consistently reinforces appropriate and relevant social skills within a climate of mutual respect. This enables students to participate fully in the home, the school and local community and prepares them for the responsibilities of adult life in an ethnically diverse society.

Thomas Becket Catholic School expects all students to attend school in full uniform as listed below and to look smart and respectable at all times during the school day to promote a strong, cohesive, school identity that supports high standards and a sense of identity among pupils. Students are to wear:-

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Blazer: Black + school badge  
Shirt: White only, buttoned to the collar  
School tie: Compulsory  
Sweater: Black V-neck. No logos. No cardigans.  
Shoes: Black and low heeled. No plimsolls or trainers of any colour are allowed.  
Boys: Plain charcoal grey or black trousers – no jeans, cords or linen trousers.  
Plain black socks  
Girls: Black skirts (knee length only, no tube skirts). Black trousers – no jeans, cords, skinny fit or linen trousers.  
Plain black or natural colour tights or black socks.

#### PE UNIFORM

While the uniform is compulsory, some flexibility is allowed where appropriate to the activity. This is entirely at the discretion of the PE staff. Students will not be required to provide specialist clothing.

GSCE and post 16 Students have a separate uniform.

A complete list of the PE kit is available from school.

## **APPEARANCE**

There are some clear expectations concerning appearance.

- Make-up should be minimal.
- Students are allowed to wear one pair of plain sleepers or studs in the ear lobe and one ring on the hand. Apart from this no other jewellery is allowed.
- “Extreme” hairstyles are not acceptable. The school reserves the right to decide on what constitutes an “extreme hairstyle”.
- Nose or other piercings may not be worn in school.
- If a student is wearing trainers (this includes dark coloured trainers) or jeans they will be sent to IEU, or sent home to change into the correct uniform. Parents will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity of any uniform infringements. A student will remain in IEU until infringements of the school uniform can be rectified. A student will only be allowed to return to lessons once they are in correct uniform. Parents will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity of any uniform infringements. Please note it is a parent/carer’s responsibility to ensure that their child attends school in the correct uniform and adheres to our strict uniform code. High standards of dress will always be enforced by staff; therefore it is an expectation that parents will support our high standards in the best interest of their children.
- Ties must be done up to the collar.
- No outside clothing to be worn inside school – any outside clothing worn inside school will be confiscated and returned at 3.15pm the same day.
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times; therefore styled shirts will not be an acceptable part of the uniform.
- Accessorising of a school uniform, ie belts, scarves or badges, is not permitted and is unacceptable. Any items worn whilst on the school premises will be confiscated and returned at 3.15pm

Sixth Formers dress code is to be smart office wear at all times. No jeans are allowed to be worn.

The School does have a Hardship Fund to be used in extreme cases of hardship for parents in funding school uniform. Please contact the Bursar for the qualifying criteria.

***Chair of Governors***