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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope the following guidance on uniform will be helpful in establishing the School's expectations and reduce uncertainty before purchases are made over the summer.

Students should wear their uniform with pride whilst on their way to and from School or when representing the School at an outside function. We expect both parents and students to support our Uniform Guidance at all times. Parents/Carer will be required to meet their child's Learning Coordinator if there is a persistent failure to adhere to it. Any student in Years 7 -11 coming to School without the stipulated uniform may be directed to Welfare to borrow uniform from our store of laundered, good quality, used uniform.

Please note that from September, any student who wishes to wear a 'COVID' facemask should only use the blue surgical disposable ones. This is to ensure stronger 'medical' effectiveness.

All female students have the option to wear a skirt or trousers that conforms to the School's expectations. The minimum length of the skirt should rest just above the knee. Trousers will be an expectation for those that find it more difficult to self-regulate or prefer a different 'fit'.

Shoes should be plain black formal style rather than casual. Leather type uppers with low heels and no black trainers or look-alike trainers are allowed.

A School blazer with the School Logo is compulsory for all Heston Community School students in Years 7 to 11. A pullover is optional but, where worn, must be plain black, V-necked with the School logo on it. Skirts and trousers should be plain black fabric [**NOT** denim type material]. Students should wear white collared shirts [not blouses] with the School tie. We also insist that students wear their uniform correctly and non-permitted items will be confiscated. The full Uniform Code is available on our website and in the Student Planner. Sixth Form students are required to wear formal business dress as per the Sixth Form Student Handbook.

Safety, dress, punctuality, attendance and the highest standards are important to all of us. We all want to start each day positively, so please help us by ensuring your child leaves home appropriately and smartly dressed for learning. All students must be on site by 08:25 every day. Additionally, from September no electronic scooters will be allowed on the School premises.

In response to some parent's request for further guidance when purchasing uniform we have added a more detailed clarification than the basics outlined in Student planners and request that all parents and students familiarise themselves with the expected dress code of the School.

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HESTON SCHOOL UNIFORM

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORM TO, FROM AND AT SCHOOL

- School tie
- School blazer with School Logo
- Plain black skirt [knee length]
- Plain black trousers [regular cut] - no jeans or tight fitting trousers
- Plain white shirt
- Black V-necked pullover with School Logo
- Black leather type upper shoes
- White or black socks
- Plain black or flesh coloured tights
- Plain dark coloured outdoor coat, hat and scarf - no logos or stripes
- No caps or hoodies
- Plain black or white hijab / turban
- A wristwatch and single, small stud earring in each lobe is all that is permitted. Small, religious emblems may be worn discreetly inside a student's uniform but not during PE lessons
- Hair should be smart and formal in appearance. Coloured hair and high fashion/cult hairstyles are not permitted. Shaved heads [shorter than Grade 2] are not permitted. No tramlines in hair or eyebrows
- Mobile phones should never be in use within School and need to be kept out of sight. The School will not take any responsibility for mobile phones or any other electronic devices if such items are lost or damaged on School premises; if seen, they are confiscated. Students will be able to collect them from the Main School Office on the next Friday after confiscation between 15:00 and 16:00
- No make-up or false eyelashes; nails to be natural, unpolished and kept short. Students will be required to trim nails, which are too long and pose a potential safety threat to other students.

PE KIT [REPLACE AS REQUIRED]

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING PE KIT AT SCHOOL

- Black and red [outdoor] zip top with School logo
- Red polo shirt with School logo
- Black PE shorts with shadow stripe and School logo
- PE training trousers with School logo
- Red football socks
- Panelled rain jacket [optional]
- Shin pads for matches
- Supportive trainers [not plimsolls]
- Football boots / Astro-turf trainers [optional]

School Uniform including PE Kit is available from School Bells.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION 2022

Until 10th July - Walk- In Customers Welcome
11th July - 14th Aug - Open for Appointments **ONLY**
15th Aug Onwards - Walk-In Customers Welcome

In-Store Fitting Appointment Service:

Please book your appointment by visiting our website www.schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk. We highly recommend new starters to use this service between the allocated dates to ensure your uniform ready for start of the new term. This will also help us serve you better and manage our stock.

Online Orders:

This service is recommended for parents who know their child's size. Please place your order latest by 20th August to ensure you receive your uniform before the school starts. We cannot guarantee any orders placed after this date due to stock availability and any delays or disruptions caused by the courier company.

Walk-In Customers:

Our store is extremely busy during the last few weeks before school starts, also we might run out of stock on some sizes. Therefore, please visit our store early to avoid this situation and long waiting times due to queues.

Extended Exchange & Returns:

Buy early without worrying your child having a sudden growth spurt. We will exchange and refund unworn items, still in their original condition purchased within 90 days. Please retain your receipt for exchange and returns.

If you would like to speak to one of our team members, please call us on 020 8577 6656 or alternatively email us on info@schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk and we will get in touch as soon as possible.

Extended Summer Store Opening Hours:

Normal Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.00am -5.00pm
Open on Sundays from 10th July to 11th Sept -11.00am -4.00pm
Bank Holiday 29th August- 11.00am-4.00pm

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UNIFORM ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FURTHER CLARIFICATION
BLAZER	Black with the Heston Badge	Compulsory – to be worn at all times
TIE	Heston School clip on striped tie	Must cover the top button on the shirt
SHIRT	Plain white and designed to accommodate a tie and have a top button which fastens	Shirts must be sufficiently generous to tuck fully into the skirt/trousers. The top button must be done up and shirts must be tucked in.
TROUSERS	Plain black, straight cut trousers, Sufficiently tailored to keep the shirt tucked in	Trousers must not be skin-tight or boot cut and must have a natural hang. Any belt they should be plain black and without large buckles
SKIRT	A wide variety of skirts are suitable for school with a minimum length of just above the knee design	Skirts must be formal with no slits. Fitted/tight skirts of a stretchy material are not permitted Students who find this difficult to self- regulate or prefer a different ‘fit’ should choose trousers as an alternative
JUMPER	Heston black V neck jumper with School logo	Optional; however, it cannot be worn in place of a blazer.
SHOES	Smart plain black leather/ leather type uppers that can be polished with low heels Formal rather than casual	NB: Black trainers or look-alike trainers are NOT allowed – even if shops say they are school shoes Velcro fastening shoes, ballerina pumps, trainer style shoes, canvas style footwear or boots are not permitted
OUTDOOR COATS	Plain dark colour	Leather/denim jackets or sports jackets including ‘hoodies’ are not permitted
HEADWEAR	Students who wish to wear a hijab / turban are welcome to do so, if the fabric is plain black or white. However, we do not permit garments, which cover the face or whole body. Headscarves may be worn for PE but they should be secure and easily removable in an emergency. Press-studs or similar fastenings should be used to secure headscarves.	
HAIR	Hair bands, ribbons, clips and any other item used in the hair should be plain black or white	Haircuts must be grade 2 or above. No shaved designs or lines are allowed in hair or eyebrows. No dyed hair of any type, nor any extreme high fashion haircuts will be permitted.
JEWELLERY	One small single plain stud earring maybe worn in each ear lobe. Rings, necklaces and bracelets must not be worn	No other piercing is acceptable. Excuses that they cannot be taken out because they have only just been done will not be accepted and students will be instructed to remove them
MAKE UP	Make up of any form is discouraged	Artificial eyelashes, nails or nail varnish are not permitted and students will be instructed to remove them
BAGS	These should be big enough to hold equipment and schoolbooks up to A4 size.	Handbags are not appropriate for school equipment
<p>It would be impossible to capture every potential uniform variation. We ask all our community to keep to the spirit set out in these guidelines. Students should expect detentions or confiscation of an item if they wear the uniform incorrectly. The School will be the final arbitrator in such matters</p>		