

Uniform Updates for September

Please be aware of this updated uniform guidance for September. A number of these measures help St. Christopher's to respond effectively to the equal opportunities agenda.

1. Consistent ruling on jewellery for boys and girls

- In Years 7, 8 and 9, girls may no longer wear earrings/studs at any time. This includes plastic retainers and supports national policy which already bans earrings for sport. This decision echoes steps made by other local schools.
- In Years 10 and 11, earrings for girls will be allowed with a reminder that this refers to a single small stud in the lower ear lobe.
- Necklaces, bracelets and rings are already not permitted for school.
- Wristwatches are allowed.

Confiscation of jewellery

Similar to our successful mobile phone policy, from September, jewellery may be confiscated, stored securely at Reception and parents required to collect these items at their convenience. Therefore all jewellery other than wristwatches, should be left safely at home.

2. Official St. Christopher's trousers (*to be phased in next year*)

During the new school year we aim to launch Official Girls' trousers, with the St. Christopher's logo (only) to be available for all girls, in addition to the checked skirt. Official trousers, also with the logo, will be phased in for boys, commencing with all Year 7 boys from September 2022.

3. Cold weather uniform

- Please be aware that other than in extreme weather, pupils will continue to use the outdoor areas during break and lunch. Ensure your child is prepared with any of the following additional uniform items:
- A plain navy or black coat
- A plain navy school cardigan or V-neck jumper (which need not be the traditional green striped version)
- Black or navy opaque or woollen tights
- A plain white t-shirt or vest top under the shirt (provided it cannot be seen at the neckline)
- Note that hoodies, sweatshirts or round-necked jumpers are not allowed

4. School bags

All pupils must attend school with a suitable school bag which can accommodate exercise books, files etc. Fashion bags are not permitted.

5. Senior ties

As pupils move up into Year 10, they wear a senior tie, which is available from Whittakers or Abbey Street.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our high uniform standards

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