



5th July 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Most pupils have items of uniform and equipment replaced and replenished during the summer. To help you with the task of purchasing the correct uniform and equipment, we attach a detailed guide to what is, and what is not, expected at Ysgol Aberconwy. This year, following consultation with students, parents and Governors, we are asking that you purchase specific styles and brands of trousers or skirts available from a variety of outlets at a range of prices. We hope that this will help to eradicate any confusion in the new term. We are also introducing the option of wearing the specified brand of shorts during the summer term.

A list of uniform stockists can be found at the end of this letter.

Almost all pupils attend school in the correct uniform each and every day. Standards have improved still further in the last year and we would like to thank both parents and students for following the guidelines closely. However, there have been a small minority of students who have sometimes not followed the requirements. This will, as always, be challenged rigorously in the new term and beyond.

As was the case last year, if you purchase a new polo shirt or sweat shirt the new school logo will be emblazoned upon it. We do not expect students with existing crested clothing to replace it unnecessarily. In other words, perfectly good clothing with the 'old' crest may still be worn until such time as there is a need to replace them.

Uniform

- White polo shirt bearing the school crest and a coloured collar indicating the student's house (Crafnant = green, Dulyn = yellow, Hiraethlyn = blue, Llugwy = red)
- Navy sweatshirt bearing the school crest
- Charcoal grey or black trousers / grey or black skirt (knee length) *
- Grey / white socks / stockings
- Black shoes without any logos *

Please note that infringements of the uniform code that cannot be rectified immediately may result in a pupil being sent home. (* please see below for a more detailed pictorial guide)

PE Kit

- Navy "Mercury" Polo Shirt (boys)
- Navy "Venus" Polo Shirt (girls)
- Navy "Response" Shorts
- Navy "Pulse" Half-Zip Fleece
- Navy "Trinity" Track Bottoms

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- White trainers/football boots

Equipment

A bag (rucksacks / shoulder bags are ideal) that is big enough to fit books, PE kit and the following equipment is essential.

Every student needs basic equipment every day. They should have a pencil case containing:

- Several pens (black or blue ink, and preferably ballpoints rather than cartridge and refillable pens as they have a tendency to leak)
- Several pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 15 or 30 cm ruler (depending on the size of the pencil case)

Optional but useful items for a pencil case would include:

- A highlighter or two
- A few colouring pencils of various colours
- glue stick such as Pritt
- round nosed scissors

NO TIPPEX OR CORRECTING FLUIDS PLEASE

Specialist Mathematics equipment sets can be purchased from the Mathematics department in school. Some subjects, such as Art for example, may have more specialist requirements especially for GCSE students. If this is the case the teachers will communicate that with pupils directly.

Jewellery, fashion and hair

The following is not allowed:

- 'Choker' type necklaces
- Bangles/bracelets
- Nose studs
- Large earrings (the only earrings allowed are single stud earrings in the ear-lobe for health and safety reasons)
- Any other visible piercings
- Nail varnish
- Acrylic finger nails
- Excessive makeup

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Hair: pupils are expected to wear their hair in a fashion suitable for school. Extremes of fashion, such as tram lines and other patterned shaves or brightly dyed hair are not allowed. Hair dyed in natural colours is acceptable.

Infringements of the above guidelines will result in confiscation and /or removal. Infringements that cannot be rectified immediately, or repeat infringements, may result in a pupil being sent home. Any pupil with doubts about what is and what is not permissible should discuss this with their House Mentor *before* making a purchase.

Mobile phones and other technology

- Pupils are allowed to have mobile phones in school, but they should **never** be used in lessons without the teacher's permission and should be **turned off** during lesson times. If parents need to contact their child(ren) during the day they should use the school number at the top of this letter.
- The school cannot be held responsible for damage or loss to personal items and thus would discourage pupils from bringing any other equipment (e.g. tablets, iPods) to school. Such items may be confiscated *for the safety of the item* and pupils would collect them back at the end of the day. Misuse of mobile phones or other devices will also result in confiscation.

Uniform stockists

Boppers Boutique
1 Woodland Rd West,
Bae Colwyn.

Gill's
Village Road,
Llanfairfechan.

School Talk
Clifton House Newsagents
159, Upper Mostyn Street
Llandudno.

Escape (Lyons Intersport)
Upper Mostyn Street
Llandudno

Clothes for Work
2 Trinity Square,
Llandudno

Full uniform details can be found here : <http://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/school/uniform>

Yours faithfully

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