



Expectations and guidance for non-uniform and TAG days

These days are popular with students and are held to raise money for charities such as Children in Need, Comic Relief or other local, national and international charities nominated by our student population. They may follow a particular theme such as World Book Day or Christmas Jumper Day. Students may also be permitted to occasionally wear clothes other than uniform on certain school trips.

Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that any student dress on these occasions recognises that the school is still a working environment, and further that student dress does not give the wrong impression or cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the school community.

The following outlines our expectations that are to be met when students are not in school uniform:

- Non-uniform day clothing is to be appropriate to the learning atmosphere
- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be no more than 6 cm above the knee
- Leggings, if worn, must also be worn with a skirt, dress or other top, of at least mid-thigh length
- Expectations regarding jewellery and piercings remains the same- only small sleepers or studs, one per ear, are acceptable
- All usual lesson equipment and/or kit should be brought to school
- Usual values regarding make-up and nails apply
- If students (including male) wear t-shirts, they should cover shoulders, chest and upper arms.
- Any tattoos should not be visible.

The following items should not be worn:

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs, chests or décolletages
- Clothing with offensive logos
- Culturally offensive outfits or costumes
- Any rips or patches above the knee, on jeans
- Muscle vests
- Baseball caps
- Flip flops or backless shoes

It is recognised that the guidance above will not cover all issues that may arise, but we trust our students to make appropriate decisions about what to wear to school. On the rare occasion that a student may decide to wear items which have not been covered by the above bullet points, but which are against the tenor of this guidance, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will use their professional judgement to make a decision about the appropriateness of the outfit.

Should a student not be appropriately dressed, they will either be sent home to change (with permission from a parent/carer) by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, loaned suitable clothing by PACE or isolated until appropriate attire is brought in to school by a parent/carer. In the case of a school trip, the student will not be allowed to attend and any contribution made for the trip will not be refunded.

Non uniform days and activities are a valuable aspect of our provision and part of our community, and your support in upholding the ethos of Fort Pitt Grammar School is very much appreciated.