



KING'S PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM ASSEMBLY
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Video Meliora Petoque means..... I see and aim for better things



What does uniform mean?

The Oxford Dictionary says

- 1 Remaining the same in all cases and at all times; unchanging in form.
- 2 Denoting a garment forming part of a person's uniform: *black uniform jackets*
- 3 The **distinctive clothing** worn by members of the **same organization or body**.
- 4 Something which **everyone** wears



Who Wears Uniform?

- Many, many people have to wear a uniform for work ...
- For lots of different reasons ...



Health Care Workers





Airport Staff





Staff in Shops



Sports Centre Staff and Paramedics





Why do they wear Uniform?

- So that members of the public know who they are – to make them ‘stand out’ from everyone else.
- So that they feel part of an organisation and are proud of it.
- To help develop a strong sense of working together as a team.
- So that they always look smart and promote the right image of the organisation they work for.



So why does KPSS have a uniform for pupils?

- Because this is your place of WORK - arriving on time, wearing the correct uniform, ready for work, with all the equipment you need for lessons , is teaching you about employability.

(And that is very important these days)



Any Other Reasons?

- It identifies you in the community as pupils of our school and promotes a strong image of King's Park Secondary as a VERY GOOD school.

This gives you a LOT to live up to, which is a good thing.

- It is all about equality– part of our shared values – no showing off with expensive trainers and designer clothes.
- It reminds you every day that you are part of a team and that you are working to help yourselves and each other be as successful as possible in everything you do.
- This gives you a sense of 'belonging' and of 'identity' – most pupils don't really realise how important this is in their lives until they are leaving school.



Doesn't uniform take away from our sense of ourselves as individuals?

- Not at all ! – It reminds you every day that you are part of a very good school which sets very high standards.
- It reminds you of the importance of being part of a community which works as a team.
- Individuality is about WHO you are – not about what people wear to work (or school).



Why do you want to make the uniform policy stricter?

- Because the uniform doesn't look like a uniform any more – pupils are not all wearing the same and it no longer looks very smart.
- Because many pupils are wearing clothing which is really NOT suitable for school. Arguing about this with teachers takes away from valuable teaching and learning time.



Some information about the uniform pupil consultation

- Many junior pupils asked - Why can't we wear what we like as long as we have a tie?
- *Answer – We asked you how to make the uniform look SMARTER. When everyone wears what they like it looks MESSY.*
- Many seniors asked - Why can't we wear grey?
- *Answer – Because we used to have grey and **pupils** asked for black – we can't change the colour every few years. Also – it makes sure members of the public don't mix you up with pupils from other schools in the area who wear grey.*
- *You asked for plain black hooded sweatshirts to be allowed. We have agreed to this, on the condition that you do not wear ANY coloured sweatshirts, with or without a zip.*



Uniform pupil consultation info

(continued)

- Your views about blazers were split - in some classes it was 50/50, but some junior classes were less keen.
- *Answer – We have not made it compulsory this year, but many pupils who have tried a black fitted jacket on are surprised to find that it looks really good. We have made a blazer highly recommended for S.5/6 and hope that senior pupils will lead the way by wearing one.*
- A fair number of you are not keen on the separate pin-on badge idea for blazers. You would prefer a blazer which had a school badge on it and many seniors like the idea of the blazer being different in some way for them.
- *Answer - We will elect pupil councils soon and consult them about this. They will discuss it with you and we will plan for 2012-13.*



Do I have to wear baggy clothing?

- **Absolutely NOT.** Baggy clothing is not work-like and it does not look SMART, so.....
- Your uniform should be very smart and fit you well – but it is nothing to do with the fashion gear you wear at home ...
- It's not just about uniform, it's about your whole appearance, so...
- Shirts and blouses must be tucked in.
- No heavy make-up, dangly earrings, fancy bracelets etc.



When does the new stricter uniform policy start?

- It is already in place, but the start of August term 2011 gives you plenty of time to make sure you have the correct clothing.
- You **MUST** come to school wearing the recommended uniform style. Remember – if you can't get M&S clothes which fit, you **MUST** buy clothes which look very similar.
- Remember too – shoes must be black **school** shoes.
- We will **NOT** allow short skirts, skinny jeans, baseball shoes, hooded sweatshirts, leggings and other items not on the permitted uniform list.



What happens if I don't wear the correct uniform?

- We do not expect this to happen. This uniform has been agreed with parents. They are pleased that they now know exactly what you are allowed to wear. We will contact your parents so that you can go home to change, or keep a stock of uniform items for you to change into.
- School is a place of learning – pupils and teachers are all too busy to waste time arguing about uniform. You will lose privileges if you have to be spoken to about uniform e.g. the freedom to go out of school at lunchtime.
- But



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Remember one of our school's shared values

Ambition

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