

Our Ref: GYu/ACy

15 December 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

I am taking the opportunity to write to you to reinforce our expectations on uniform standards, celebrate what has been a busy and productive first term and to remind you of key dates for the Spring Term 2010.

Many parents and carers take the opportunity to purchase clothing and footwear for their children in the New Year so I thought this would be a good time to remind you of what is acceptable according to the School's Uniform Policy.

The school operates a "zero tolerance" policy with regard to incorrect uniform and we will be taking a much harder stand against students who arrive at school incorrectly dressed. I have outlined below the correct items of St John's School Uniform:

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Black Blazer with School Badge	Black Blazer with School Badge
Plain Black Trousers (no demins or cords)	Regulation black pleated skirt or full-length bootleg cut black trousers
Plain white shirt worn with school tie, correctly knotted.	Regulation yellow striped blouse.
Plain navy or black socks	White socks or plain black tights
Sensible black shoes (not trainers)	Sensible black shoes with low heel – no boots, trainers or plimsoles of any description.
Plain black v-necked jumper to be worn under blazer as required. Cardigans are not allowed.	Plain black v-necked jumper to be worn under blazer as required. Cardigans, sleeveless vests are not allowed.
These are the expectations of every child on the school site.	

Outdoor coats should be plain and principally dark in colour (black or blue) without extreme or excessive logos. Tight-fitting, short jackets worn instead of school blazers are not allowed.

Any garment worn under the shirt or blouse for warmth should not be visible.

Extreme haircuts and/or colours and obvious make-up are not considered appropriate for school.

With the exception of a wrist-watch and small studs for pierced ears, jewellery is NOT allowed.

Piercings of any other description are NOT allowed.

It has been a very busy and productive term, with many events, trips and activities having taken place during and outside of the normal school timetable. Many after-school and lunchtime clubs have been organised to enable students to catch up on homework or attend revision sessions in the important build up to exams. We will be running an additional free bus service from School at 4.15pm every Thursday after Christmas to enable students to continue to attend after school sessions. I do urge you to take the time to read about some of these events on our new website at [www.st-johns.info](http://www.st-johns.info).

I would like to thank you for your support this term and would like to wish our students, their parents/carers and all within the St John's community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Together we can make a difference!

Yours sincerely

**George Yerosimou**  
Headteacher

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**Standards at St John's School: please complete and return this slip to your child's Form Tutor by Friday 18 December 2009.**

I have read and understood the letter about Standards at St John's School. I support the School's work in improving standards of behaviour and dress and have explained these to my child.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Tuesday 5 January 2010 - Spring Terms Begins for Students</b>		
11 January 2010	Year 10 Assessment Week	
20 January 2010	Year 11 Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
	Year 9 Examinations	
27 January 2010	HPV 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jab for Y8, 10 11 Girls	
	Year 10 Catering Practice Practical Exam 1 (Group A)	
	Y9 - Beyond 14 Evening	7.30pm – 9.00pm
29 January 2010	Year 11 Reports Home	
10 February 2009	Y10 Catering Practice Practical Exam 1 (Group B)	
	Y8 STEM Day	
	Y9 Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
12 February 2010	School Closed – Staff Training	
<b>Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2010 – Half Term</b>		
22 February 2010	Y11 Assessment Week	
24 February 2010	Y7 – 11 Academic Review Day (Normal Lessons Cancelled)	8.30am – 5.30pm
1 March 2010	Y8 Examination Week	
	Year 11 Catering Practical Exam (Group A)	
2 March 2010	Y10 and Y11 GCSE Maths Modules	
3 March 2010	Y11 GCSE Science Modules	
4 March 2010	Y11 GCSE Science Modules	
5 March 2010	Y10 GCSE Science Modules	
	Y11 Harlow College Interviews	
9 March 2010	Y11 Harlow College Interviews	
10 March 2010	Year 8 STEM Day	
	Year 9 Trade Games	
15 March 2010	Y7: Happy Puzzle Company	
	Y11 Catering Practical Exam 2 (Group B)	
16 March 2010	Y8: Happy Puzzle Company	
17 March 2010	Year 9 Trade Games	
24 March 2010	Y9 Trade Games	
	Primary Masterclass – Maths and Science	
31 March 2010	Tea Party	3.15pm – 4.15pm
<b>Thursday 1 April 2010 – End of Spring Term</b>		
1 - 7 April 2010	Y8 – Y10 Ski Trip	
<b>Monday 19 April 2010 – Summer Term Begins</b>		