

Uniform and Appearance Standards

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well at the end of what has been another busy half term. At St Thomas More we work together to achieve our mission statement and work to #BeMore. We do this in part by having the highest possible standards in all things for all pupils and this includes the presentation of oneself. Therefore, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. We know our pupils are proud of their school and in representing St Thomas More in the community.

However, uniform issues persist among some pupils who do not adhere to the Academy's high expectations on uniform and presentation. Through regular checks on uniform and equipment by tutors and the pastoral team, the following uniform infringements have become too common at St Thomas More:

- Leggings,
- Skinny/skin-tight trousers,
- Nose piercings,
- Excessive jewellery,
- Hooded tops that do not bear the school logo,
- Pencil skirts.

At the beginning of next term, we will be closely monitoring pupil's standards of uniform and appearance. Where inconsistencies are found, pupils will be given adequate time to resolve by their pastoral manager, we hope that by providing this information now, you will have time during the Christmas break to source any items of required uniform. Pupils failing to comply with our uniform expectations will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.stthomasmorebuxton.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/07/Uniform-and-Equipment-Policy-STM-September-2022.pdf>

A reminder that all St Thomas More uniform can be purchased from Headmasters Schoolwear in New Mills. We at St Thomas More understand that personal circumstances can change, especially due to uncertainties caused by the pandemic and cost of living crisis. We provide, along with the St Ralph Sherwin Trust, a support fund for parents and carers who might need help towards uniform costs, details of which can be found on our website:

<https://www.stthomasmorebuxton.srscmat.co.uk/parents/help-for-pupils-parents-and-families/education-support-fund/>



Should you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the pastoral team using the following:


Mrs Brown (Bede): rbrown@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Mrs Kawalek (Columba): jkawalek@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Mrs Doherty-Perkins (Francis): ldohertyperkins@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Thank you for your on-going support, wishing you a restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Ronson'.

Mr J Ronson

Assistant Headteacher