



# Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In my first correspondence with you as Principal, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students, parents, and staff for welcoming me into this wonderful and thriving community. I would also like to extend thanks and congratulations to my predecessor, Mr. Grundy, on his appointment as an HMI Ofsted Inspector. We wish Mr Grundy the very best of luck in this new role.

I am both delighted and proud to have been given the opportunity to serve the students and parents of Christ's College. As a local resident with my wife and two children, I am passionate about the holistic development of young people, and particularly the young people of Guildford.

Through the school's core Christian values of love, co-operation, stewardship, respect, and service, we aim to provide a school experience that nurtures both the character of our students and their academic success. We are committed to working tirelessly to provide the very best education possible for this community.

At the whole-school assembly on Monday, I spoke to the students about leading with love, and learning with purpose. To be successful at school, we need a happy, supportive, and warm environment where students are kind and respectful to one another and can thrive. Equally, we need students to be serious about their learning; actively involved in lessons, working hard, and allowing others to do the same. In my first week at Christ's College, I have observed kindness and hard work in abundance. I have seen strong friendships and relationships, and I've lost count of the number of students who have welcomed me to their school. Likewise, lessons have been characterised by creativity, focus, and grit. Leading with love, learning with purpose.

Lastly, I have been impressed by the high standards demonstrated by both students and staff this week. Students observed the whole-school assembly impeccably, in both their appearance and conduct. To further support our continued drive to raise standards, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of maintaining our uniform standards, by asking you to read the uniform reminder which follows.

I look forward to meeting you in person at upcoming school events such as the parent forum, the school production, and the Year 11 Consultation Day.

Yours sincerely,

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## Uniform Reminder:

We know a uniform is essential for a variety of reasons. It creates a level playing field where students don't need to worry about what outfit to choose and if they are able to purchase the 'fashionable items'. This reduces the peer pressure that children often experience. We know that a uniform encourages an inclusive environment and gives a sense of belonging. When children are wearing their uniforms correctly, it indicates that they are ready to learn. Put simply, it is one less thing for children to worry about.

We have noticed that a large number of students are choosing to roll up their school skirts, which is not in line with our uniform policy. To remove the need for staff to ask students to unroll their skirts all school shirts/blouses must be tucked into students skirts as they are for those who wear trousers. This will also reduce any possible negative interactions that students would potentially have around being asked to unroll their skirt.

## Acceptable School Footwear Guidance

To support you, we have created an 'Acceptable School Footwear' guidance sheet.

To ensure consistency and appropriateness, the below images have been issued as guidance on what constitutes acceptable footwear for school.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines at home to ensure that your child comes to school prepared with appropriate footwear.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please do contact your child's tutor if there are any queries that arise from this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. French  
Vice Principal

Mr M. Goulborn  
Principal





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## Acceptable footwear:



Black leather Slip on



Shoes are acceptable if they are plain black in colour, polishable and not overly decorative. Essentially, they need to be shoes that can be described as plain, black, flat, sensible school shoes.



Black Leather Lace Up



Black Leather Slip on



Black Leather Velcro



Black Leather Slip On With Strap



Black Leather Lace Up



## Unacceptable footwear:



No Converse

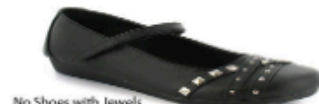


No Fashion Boots



No UGG Boots

Footwear is deemed to be unacceptable if it is any colour other than plain black, overly decorative or without flat heels. Trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes are not permitted. Sports brands such as Vans, Converse, Nike and Adidas are not permitted.



No Shoes with Jewels



No Leather Fashion Boots



No Brands/Trainer Styles



No Canvas/Pump Styles



No Converse



No Designer Brands



No Trainer Styles



No Leather Pumps/Low Top Converse



No Boots



No Ankle Boots



No Canvas/Vans Style