Date: **5th Grade** **Name:**

School Uniform Report …

Each term the British press has reports of pupils being sent home from school. What is their crime? Not always bad behaviour. Sometimes it has something to do with fashion. Punk hair, rings in noses and dangerous heels can cause concern but some schools are prepared to send pupils home if their school uniform is too short. Pupils can't resist the temptation to customise their uniform, change the style of their trousers, write on their ties or adapt their uniform jacket to suit the latest trends.

UK students speak out:

I hate wearing our school skirt. It is no longer acceptable for girls to have to wear skirts. Making us wear them is totally sexist. In winter we are freezing and the boys are nice and warm in their trousers! It isn't fair. Emma, 15 Liverpool

Three years ago the parents voted for a uniform. It has saved us all loads of money. Everyone looks smart in their school sweatshirt. I think it's cool. We still have pressure to wear the latest trainers but at least there is no competition about clothes for school. Martin, 16 Northern Ireland

My mate was sent home in June because the Head of Year said her skirt was too short. I mean, it's ridiculous. I would like to wear long shorts when it is hot but that isn't possible either. The skirts have to be knee length. It's like being in prison. I don't think it makes any difference to our school work or exam results! Caitlin, 14 Edinburgh

a) Why have they been sent home? Drag and drop (arrstra y suelta)

1. Jewellery
2. Too short skirts
3. Punk hair
4. Bright hair colours
5. Tops
6. Nose ring

b) Are they wearing the right uniform?
YES or NO???

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c) Use your criteria to choose with a tick FOR or AGAINST (a favor / en contra)

FOR	or	AGAINST
	1.Uniforms keep students tidy and smart.	
	2.Uniforms make me feel old-fashioned.	
	3.Uniforms stop unfair comparisons between rich or poorer students.	
	4.Uniforms are useful to protect my clothes.	
	5.Uniforms are not democratic.	
	6.Uniforms do not allow teenagers to express their individual personalities.	
	7.Uniforms are good for discipline and give a serious tone to the school.	
	8.Uniforms are more expensive than casual clothes.	

d) Read and find out:

1- Which speaker is proud of their school uniform?
2- Which item of clothing causes the most problems?
3- Are the rules the same for boys and for girls?

e) About your school and you.

a) Are the rules in British schools stricter than in your school?
b) What do you think about the following sentence? Express your ideas in a short paragraph.
– Wearing uniform at school will prepare you to follow rules at a possible job in the future –

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