

Doc A: School uniforms in Great Britain: do's & don'ts

Wearing the school uniform is an important factor in establishing a pride in and identify with, the school and at the same time minimises social divisions between pupils.

The uniform code states clearly that **plain** black shoes must be **worn**; this applies to both male and female students. Any **footwear** that is not black shoes is not acceptable. **Skirts** must also be **knee-length**. For safety reasons, no **jewellery** should be worn in school other than a small **stud** in each ear and a watch. Students can expect to have inappropriate **jewellery** confiscated, However, some small changes to the uniform have been agreed for implementation next term. From September all pupils should be wearing shirt and **tie**. **Short-sleeved shirts** are perfectly acceptable.

Here is a list of necessary items:



Navy blue blazer
School blazer badge
Plain white shirt
School tie

Plain black or grey trousers / skirts. Skirts must also be of an acceptable length that takes the skirt length to the knee.

Black or white **socks** / black **tights**

Plain black (non-trainer like) shoes-this applies to both male and female students. **Pumps** or **trainers** are not acceptable as school shoes.

School **jumper** are allowed. **Jeans with holes** and mini skirts **are forbidden**.

Any 'fashionable hairstyles' or '**head shaves**' which pupils may want to try over the summer need to be **grown** at the beginning of the new term.

Nail extensions are not allowed, these should be **removed** in time for the beginning of the new term.

Rings in the nose, tattoos and **make-up** are **prohibited**.

Doc B: 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 outfit. I think it's cool. We don't have the **pressure** to wear **the latest trainers** and there is no competition about clothes for school. Martin, 16 Northern Ireland

My **mate** was sent home in June because the Head 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

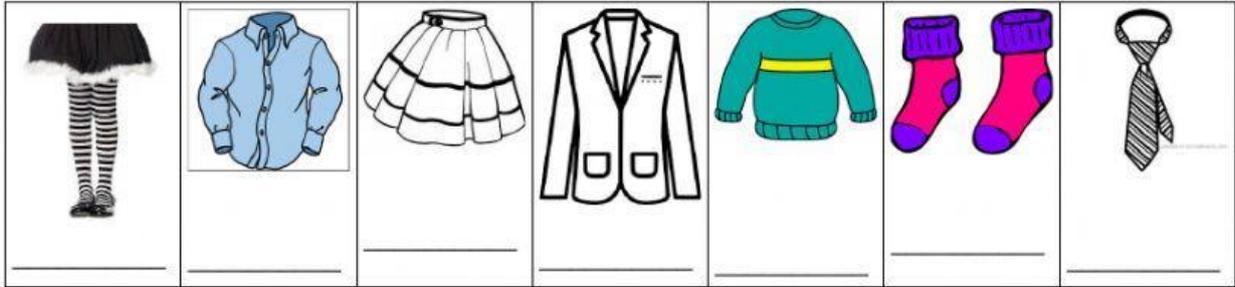
My school uniform is **ugly**. **Unlike** other teens in European countries, we can't **follow fashion**. We wear the same uniform as our parents! Can you imagine? Besides, colors and style are too **old-fashioned**. I would like to choose my own clothes in the morning. Vick, 16, Manchester

VOCABULARY

Drag and drop the words below in the right box

CLOTHES

- A skirt A shirt A jumper A blazer A tie socks tights



FOOTWEAR

- flip-flops pumps platform shoes heels trainers



AJECTIVES

Match the adjectives with their antonym

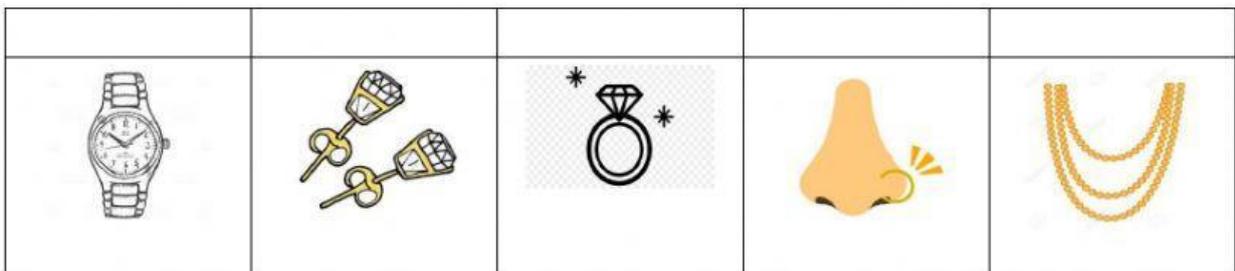
- plain
short-sleeved
mini / short

- long-sleeved
knee-length
colourful



JEWELRY

- studs A watch A nose ring A necklace A ring



Miscellaneous

make-up / trend or fashion/ nail extensions / head shave



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Trends

I. Read document A and fill in the grid below

School jumper	Colourful clothes	navy blue blazer	plain white shirt
school badge	studs	nose ring	tie
nail extensions	head shaves	black trousers / skirts	trainers
pumps / heels	knee-length skirts	plain black shoes	school badge
mini skirts and jeans with holes	black or white socks	tattoes	flip-flops



What is allowed	What is compulsory (obligatoire)	What is forbidden / prohibited

B. Now write sentences using the following prompts

When something is **allowed / acceptable**



British students **can + bV**
 They **may+ bV**
 They **are allowed to + bV**

When something is **compulsory**



British students **have to + bV**

When something is **forbidden**



They **mustn't + bV**
 They **aren't allowed to + bV**
 They **are forbidden to + bV**

