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DISCURSIVE WRITING:

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Should uniforms be banned in schools? Discuss.

Teenagers are expressive. They are at an age where they want to be perceived as cool. Many may find the school uniform a hindrance. However, on the other hand, the emergence of uniforms were noble. It was created to unify students across all classes. It is argued nowadays on whether teenagers, who go to school, should be wearing a uniform. Is it more of a hindrance to self expression or does it unify all students despite the backgrounds they come from?

One of the strongest arguments in favour of uniforms is the cost. Uniforms are created at an affordable price. Though some private school uniforms may cost considerably more but would one rather pay for a full uniform or buy new clothes every week or two? Most public school uniforms do not cost an incredible amount, and only have to be renewed after a year or two

Uniforms unify students despite the social classes they come from. If there are no uniforms, students can assess the wealth of one another from the clothes and shoes they wear. This can lead to discrimination. Uniforms have solved this problem. The uniform has become an identity that unifies all students despite social classes.

Despite the above benefits, uniforms are a hindrance to self expression. Self expression is important to teenagers. The need to stand out is important to them. Uniforms are not designed to make one attractive. Especially at this age, teenagers feel insecure due to the multiple changes their bodies go through. Also, it is at this point they wish to explore and find a new identity. They are easily influenced by the media. Uniforms do not help teenagers stand out from the crowd. Also, it can hide a student's personality, their style, and who they really are, and this really dampens one's creativity.

In conclusion, I believe students should still wear uniforms to schools. However, teachers need to allow them to modify it so they can still express their creativity. Students should be allowed to personalize uniforms to their tastes.

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Useful transitional words and phrases

1. To signal *addition* of ideas	and, also, besides, further, furthermore, too, moreover, in addition, then, of equal importance, equally important, another
2. To signal *time*	next, afterward, finally, later, last, lastly, at last, now, subsequently, then, when, soon, thereafter, after a short time, the next week (month, day, etc.), a minute later, in the meantime, meanwhile, on the following day, at length, ultimately, presently
3. To signal *order* or *sequence*	first, second, (etc.), finally, hence, next, then, from here on, to begin with, last of all, after, before, as soon as, in the end, gradually
4. To signify *space* and *place*	above, behind, below, beyond, here, there, to the right (left), nearby, opposite, on the other side, in the background, directly ahead, along the wall, as you turn right, at the tip, across the hall, at this point, adjacent to
5. To signal an *example*	for example, to illustrate, for instance, to be specific, such as, moreover, furthermore, just as important, similarly, in the same way
6. To show *results*	as a result, hence, so, accordingly, as a consequence, consequently, thus, since, therefore, for this reason, because of this
7. To signal *purpose*	to this end, for this purpose, with this in mind, for this reason, for these reasons
8. To signal *comparisons*	like, in the same (like) manner or way, similarly
9. To indicate *contrast*	but, in contrast, conversely, however, still, nevertheless, nonetheless, yet, and yet, on the other hand, of course, on the contrary, or, in spite of this, actually, a year ago, now, notwithstanding, for all that, strangely enough, ironically
10. To signal *alternatives*, *exceptions*, and *objections*	although, though, while, despite, to be sure, it is true, true, I grant, granted, I admit, admittedly, doubtless, I concede, regardless
11. To *dispute*	it isn't true that, people are wrong who say that, deny that, be that as it may, by the same token, no doubt, we often hear it said, many people claim, many people suppose, it used to be thought, in any case
12. To *intensify*	above all, first and foremost, importantly, again, to be sure, indeed, in fact, as a matter of fact, as I have said, as has been noted
13. To *summarize* or *repeat*	in summary, to sum up, to repeat, briefly, in short, finally, on the whole, therefore, as I have said, in conclusion, as you can see

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QN: Should mobile phones be banned from schools? Discuss.

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