

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

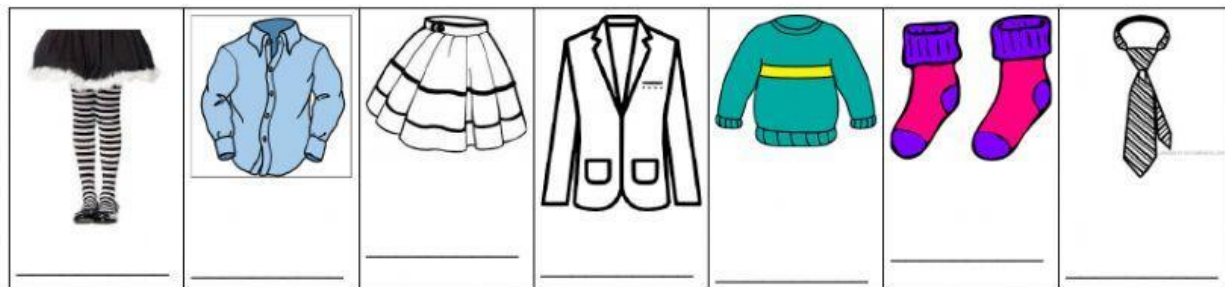
A jumper

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

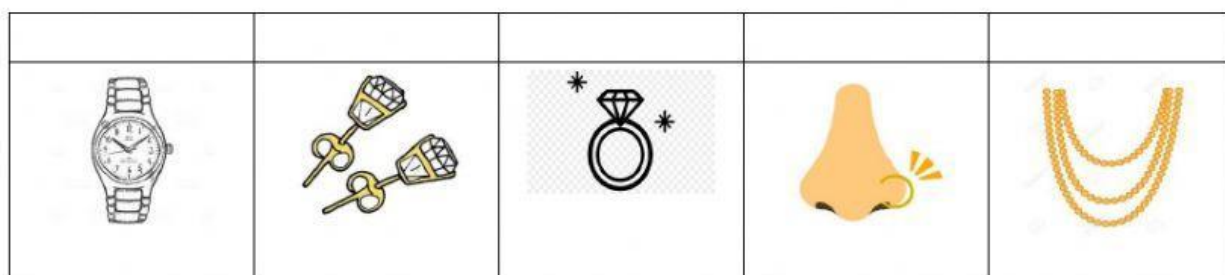
studs

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	short sleeved shirts	make up
nail extensions	head shaves	black trousers / skirts	trainers	school badge	
pumps / heels	knee-length skirts	plain black shoes	navy blue blazer		
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**

French pupils **don't have to / needn't + bV**

Contrary to British pupils, French pupils **don't have to**
 French pupils **needn't**

[illegible]