



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM UNIFORM ADJUSTMENT - OPTIONAL TAILORED SHORTS

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into the summer term and warmer weather, we are introducing a small adjustment to support students' comfort while maintaining our usual high standards of presentation.

From Monday 1 June, students may opt to wear tailored shorts as an alternative to trousers.

WHAT THIS MEANS IN PRACTICE

Trousers remain the standard uniform item and may be worn throughout the year.

During the summer term, students may choose:

- Girls: navy tailored shorts (in place of navy trousers or skirt)
- Boys: grey tailored shorts (in place of grey trousers)

This adjustment reflects our existing uniform structure, with shorts acting as a summer alternative, rather than a change to our overall expectations.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SHORTS AND SOCKS

To ensure consistency and a smart appearance:

Shorts must:

- Be tailored in style (not sportswear or casual styles such as jersey, cycling shorts, or cargo shorts)
- Be made from a formal trouser-type fabric similar to existing uniform trousers
- Be plain in design (no logos, decorative zips, or external pockets beyond a standard tailored cut)
- Be appropriate in length (sit around the knee)
- Match the existing uniform colour (navy for girls, grey for boys)

Socks must:

- Be plain grey, navy or black
- Be ankle length
- Not include noticeable logos or branding

We will share a small number of examples at the end of this letter to support families in making appropriate choices.

CONSISTENCY AND PRESENTATION

As with all aspects of uniform, all students are expected to maintain a smart standard of dress, regardless of the uniform option chosen. Staff will work with students to ensure these expectations are upheld consistently.

A NOTE ON TRADITION

Interestingly, shorts formed part of the school uniform when it first opened in the 1930s, so this adjustment reflects both practical comfort and a nod to our history.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN WARMER WEATHER

Alongside this adjustment, the school will continue to make sensible adaptations to support students during warmer periods. These may include:

- Allowing students to remove blazers during hot weather
- Using cooler areas of the school for lessons where possible

We also ask that students bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Water can be topped up during the day, and if a student forgets their bottle, they should go to the Welfare Room, where spare cups are available.

To help students enjoy the warmer weather at lunchtime, we are very grateful to a number of parents who have kindly donated outdoor games, which will be available for student use at lunchtimes.

QUESTIONS OR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

We recognise that uniform can sometimes raise individual questions. If you would like to discuss any aspect of uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

We look forward to welcoming everybody back for summer half-term 6.

Thank you for your continued support.
Drayton Manor High School

EXAMPLES SHORTS

