



Hanley Castle High School

and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about changes to the school uniform requirements from September. As outlined in our letter in October, the Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance to help make school uniforms more affordable for families - [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](#).

From September, students will be required to have no more than four compulsory *branded* items. All other compulsory items must be available to purchase from supermarkets or other low-cost retailers. A *branded* item is one that either includes the school logo or is a specific design or colour that is not widely available from general retailers.

For example, you may choose to purchase a plain black PE t-shirt either from our official uniform supplier or from a lower-cost alternative. You are welcome to buy more than four branded items if you wish, but this is entirely optional. The rules associated with hair, make-up and nails, piercings and jewellery remain the same- please see our policy on the school website.

To help make this clear, we have provided a checklist:

- The **yellow column** shows the items that are compulsory for all students.
- The **green column** shows optional items that you may choose to purchase.
- Compulsory **branded items** are highlighted in **red** and can be purchased from our approved suppliers.

Monkhouse: <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/hanley-castle-high-school-urn-137101>

Currently there is an offer in place: **15% off all orders**

- **Start Date:** Monday, 18th May
- **End Date:** Tuesday 26th May

Extended Returns

- **End Date:** 11th September

Kidz & Kitz: <https://hanley-castle-high-school.secure-decoration.com/>

Please note that we have a good supply of pre-loved uniform available through the school.



Families in receipt of pupil premium are also welcome to contact their Head of Year if financial support is needed.

We hope this provides clarity and supports you in preparing for September.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your Head of Year should you require further clarity.

Yours sincerely



Mark Stow
Headteacher

Compulsory		Non-Compulsory
Hanley Blazer		Hanley branded v neck knitted jumper or black knitted v neck jumper with no logos or labels
Hanley Skirt (one of 2 designs) or black school trousers		
Hanley Tie		
Hanley Rugby Top / Hoodie		
Black school trousers or black tailored school shorts		
White buttoned shirt or blouse (long or short sleeved)		
Black traditional flat leather/ette shoes (boys or girls)		
Plain black socks or tights		
Trainers		Hanley branded sports bag
Studded boots for football/rugby (Autumn/Spring Terms)		Plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms
Plain black sports shorts or plain black sports skort (sports skirt with integral shorts)	OR	Hanley branded PE shorts/skort
Plain black round neck sports T-shirt	OR	Hanley branded PE sports T-Shirt
Plain black PE knee length football socks		

