

Secondary School Uniform, Public Consultation – Results and Changes from September 2024

Consultation Questions	Response from Consultation	St Ninian's High School	QEII High School	Ballakermeen High School	Castle Rushen High School	Ramsey Grammar School
1. Current views on school uniform in the school with which you are associated	<p>54% would benefit from modification 50% could be more cost effective 50% ensure students not singled 46% could be more comfortable/practical</p> <p>Other views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncomfortable/not suitable – seasonality • Time consuming to enforce / creates conflict • High cost / poor quality 	<p><i>The badge on the school blazer will not be compulsory from Sept 2024. The optional jumper will no longer carry any branding either.</i></p> <p><i>The only compulsory branded item will be the school tie.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy on footwear remains.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy regarding shorts remains.</i></p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p> <p><i>Based on the consultation feedback, QEII may consider moving towards blazers for the September 2024 Year 7 cohort, instead of jumpers. This would not affect other year groups.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy on footwear remains.</i></p> <p><i>The school updated the policy in July 2023 and has introduced tailored shorts only, not sports shorts.</i></p>	<p><i>The badge on the school blazer and the branded jumper, will not be compulsory from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>The only compulsory branded item will be the school tie.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy on footwear remains.</i></p> <p><i>Shorts permitted, policy will be updated to ensure clarity – Tailored shorts only, not sports shorts.</i></p>	<p><i>The badge on the school blazer and the branded jumper, will not be compulsory from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>The only compulsory branded item will be the school tie.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy on footwear remains.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy regarding shorts remains.</i></p>	<p><i>The badge on the school blazer will remain compulsory from Sept 2024. However, iron on badges will be available to purchase from the school.</i></p> <p><i>A plain black V-neck jumper is an optional additional extra for students to wear if they are cold.</i></p> <p><i>The only compulsory branded items will be the school blazer and tie.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy on footwear remains.</i></p> <p><i>Current policy regarding shorts remains.</i></p>
2. What matters related to school uniform would you wish to be included within the guidance?	<p>70% cost 58% all students appear equal 53% clear rules, expectations and procedures</p> <p>Other views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsuitable skirt lengths • Comfort / seasonality • Consistent enforcement of policy 	<p><i>There is currently no requirement for any PE kit to be branded - current policy remains.</i></p> <p><i>Policy to be updated to ensure clarity.</i></p>	<p><i>A branded PE t-shirt is compulsory.</i></p> <p><i>All other branded PE items are optional.</i></p> <p><i>The school policy has been updated to highlight the need for skirt length to be two inches above the knee.</i></p>	<p><i>A branded PE t-shirt is compulsory.</i></p> <p><i>All other branded PE items are optional.</i></p>	<p><i>A branded PE top (either a rugby top or a windproof top) is compulsory.</i></p> <p><i>All other branded PE items are optional.</i></p> <p><i>For school fixtures, team kits usually include more branded items. The school would help to fund any kit requirements for students eligible for free school meals.</i></p>	<p><i>Currently a branded PE polo-shirt and shorts/skorts are compulsory.</i></p> <p><i>A branded training top is optional.</i></p> <p><i>From Sept 2024 RGS will endeavour to have a single badged polo-shirt.</i></p>
3. What role does school uniform have in the ethos and culture of schools?	<p>62% shows students as representatives of the school 60% students able to be identified at school events or trips 50% Allows predictable selection of clothes for students</p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p>	<p><i>Current policy remains.</i></p>

	<p>50% fosters a sense of belonging</p> <p>Other views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The desired outcome can be reached with less stringent requirements 					
4. Are there any particular items of school uniform which are central to the ethos and culture of schools?	<p>53% Tie 38% PE kit 34% Blazer</p>	<p><i>School tie will remain compulsory and branded from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p>	<p><i>School tie, jumper and PE t-shirt will remain compulsory and branded from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p>	<p><i>School tie and PE polo shirt will remain compulsory and branded from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p>	<p><i>School tie and PE top (either a rugby top or a windproof top) will remain compulsory and branded from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p>	<p><i>School tie, blazer, PE polo-shirt and PE shorts/skorts will remain compulsory and branded from Sept 2024.</i></p> <p><i>From Sept 2024 RGS will endeavour to have a compulsory single badged polo-shirt.</i></p> <p><i>Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional.</i></p>
5. What can school do within their policies to support the aim of minimising the cost of school uniform?	<p>60% minimise number of branded items of PE kit 55% less formal uniform (polo shirts/sweatshirts) 41% single colour footwear, as oppose to traditional shoes</p> <p>Other views: Shoe policy Expensive sports kit</p>	<p><i>See above at 4.</i></p>	<p><i>See above at 4.</i></p>	<p><i>See above at 4.</i></p>	<p><i>See above at 4.</i></p>	<p><i>See above at 4.</i></p>

Notes:

- Additional branded items are available and can still be worn but they are optional as per the school uniform policy.
- Further information regarding the schools uniform policy can be found on the schools websites listed below;
 - St Ninian's High School - <https://snhs.sch.im/>
 - QE2 High School - <https://qe2.sch.im/>
 - Ballakermeen High School - <https://bhs.sch.im/>
 - Castle Rushen High School - <https://crhs.sch.im/>
 - Ramsey Grammar School - <https://rqs.sch.im/>