



# Castlebrook High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Uniform and Attendance

### Uniform

Firstly, may I thank you for your ongoing support for our continued drive to further raise standards across the school. The learners have responded brilliantly to the Unsworth way, which they devised in partnership with adults in the school, ensuring standards of behaviour are continually improving towards outstanding.

I would like to draw your attention to the uniform policy, particularly with respect to hoodies: -

#### **BOYS**

- Black blazer with school badge & coloured House braid
- Black traditional tailored trousers
- White traditional shirt
- School tie with logo
- Sensible black shoes (NOT boots, trainers or canvas shoes)
- Plain black socks
- *Optional* : plain black V-neck jumper (NOT sweatshirt material or hoodies)
- Apron for Technology subjects.

#### **GIRLS**

- Black blazer with school badge & coloured House braid
- Black bespoke skirt with logo OR
- Black bespoke trousers
- White reversed school blouse
- Sensible black shoes (NOT boots, trainers, open backed or canvas shoes)
- Black tights or black socks
- *Optional*: plain black V-neck jumper (NOT sweatshirt material or hoodies)
- Apron for Technology subjects

*It is advisable that all items of clothing are clearly labelled and PE kit embroidered with student's initials.*

No **jewellery**, except a watch, is permitted in school. Piercings, make-up, false nails and nail varnish are not to be worn.

**Outer coats** should not be worn inside the school building.

**Trainers** are only acceptable for PE. Caps, hoodies and denim jackets are not allowed on school premises.

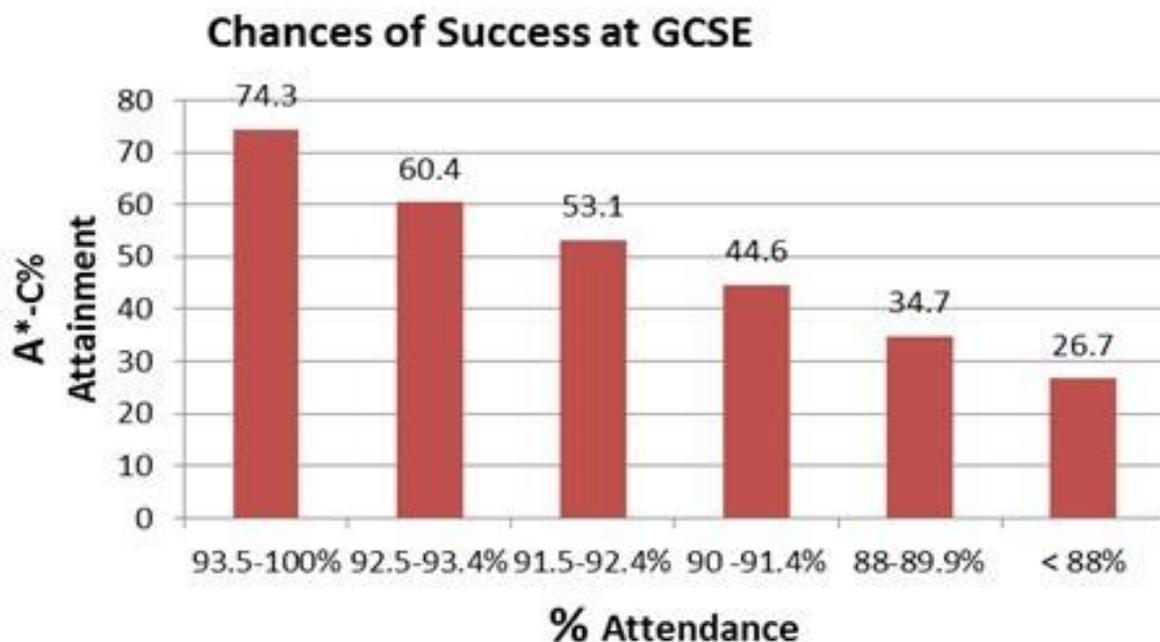
**Additional Clothing:** Learners who wear additional clothing to their school uniform for religious or ethnic reasons must ensure this complies with the school's requirements concerning colour (navy blue or black).

Unfortunately, some learners have been in the habit of wearing a hoodie under their blazer in place of a plain black V-neck jumper, or as an alternative to a suitable outdoor coat which can be worn over their blazer.

**From 12/11/18 Learners who continue to wear hoodies to school will have them confiscated,** to be returned at the end of the day. This will ensure fairness and consistency for all.

### Attendance

Currently average learner attendance at school is at the national average of 95%. Recent research nationally has highlighted just how strongly school attendance is linked to attainment at age 16.



For this reason, individual learners at Castlebrook have a target of 98% attendance, as reflected on our reports home. This fits with our drive for all our learners to achieve the best possible outcomes, empowering our community with the best life chances.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

*B Leyland*

Mr Leyland (Assistant Headteacher)