



SAXMUNDHAM FREE SCHOOL

"Providing a foundation for life"

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Dear Parent/Carer,

All our Year 8-11 students were involved yesterday in the Crucial Crew PSHE day which covered a wide range of topics from Self Harm to Gangs. It was an incredibly interesting day led by a fantastic team of professionals who had the wellbeing and education of the students at the heart of all that they did.

I am incredibly proud to work with students who, when discussing such sensitive topics, were so supportive of each other and very mature. I have received an email from the lady who helped with the organisation of the day from the Anti Social Behaviour Team at Suffolk County Council in which she said "The students were engaging, confident, polite, respectful and most of all caring when one or two needed some extra support. Your students were a credit to the school today; the providers and I were incredibly impressed at how they approached the subject with a mature and grown up attitude."

Following on from this all students engaged fully in the Tutor Time which focused on Mental Health Awareness. It was fantastic to see the way in which they all engaged with this and got talking about a subject that can be incredibly difficult to talk about.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the School's uniform policy which you will find attached. There has been an increase this term in the variety of girl's trousers. The trousers must not be cropped, flared or clingy as per the uniform policy. We expect that all students will return after half term in the correct uniform.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing Half Term break.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Marsden
Assistant Headteacher



Uniform

Saxmundham Free School is a uniformed school. All of our students, without exception, wear the same uniform. Our governing Trust believe it fosters a strong sense of pride, unity and identity. We would ask that parents/carers support us by ensuring their child attends school each day in the correct attire with the necessary equipment to learn.

School uniform

- A white shirt or blouse with either short or long sleeves (not $\frac{3}{4}$ length)
- Clip-on school tie (blouses must therefore have a top button to allow a tie to be worn at all times)
- Black blazer with the school's logo on breast pocket
- Black or Charcoal grey trousers (non-flared, non-clingy and non-cropped for both boys and girls)
- A charcoal grey skirt with the school logo on it (optional for girls)
- Black socks for girls and boys (please note knee-high socks are not part of our uniform). Girls may wear 70 or 80 denier plain black tights. No other style, colour or thicknesses of tights are acceptable. Tights, however, may only be worn during Michaelmas and Lent terms.
- Shoes for girls should be flat and black leather. High heels, boots, sandals, canvas plimsolls and trainers are not permitted. Boys must not wear trainers or canvas plimsoll-style shoes to school
- Coats should be plain black or navy (no denim, leather or sportswear).

Girls' PE kit

- School hoodie (with school logo on front and school name across the back)
- White polo sports shirt (for indoor sport) with school logo
- Rugby shirt (for outdoor sport) in two shades of school colour with school logo
- School athletic navy blue 'skort'
- School navy blue hockey socks or white ankle socks
- Trainers with non-marking soles
- Studded football boots
- Shin pads
- A towel
- Unbranded navy tracksuit bottoms with a single thin white stripe (optional).

Boys' PE Kit

- School hoodie (with school logo on front and school name across the back)
- White polo sports shirt (for indoor sport) with school logo
- Rugby shirt (for outdoor sport) in two shades of school colour with school logo
- School navy blue shorts
- Trainers with non-marking soles
- Studded football boots
- School navy blue football socks
- Shin pads

- Towel
- Unbranded navy tracksuit bottoms with single white stripe (optional).

Uniform expectations

- Girls can wear discreet make-up to school however nail varnish is not permitted
- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed, parents/carers will be asked to have the hairstyle changed to an acceptable style and the student will work in isolation until this is done
- Just one sleeper earring or stud per ear for boys or girls is permitted, if other items of jewellery are worn they will be confiscated and placed in the school safe. Parents/carers will then have two months to collect the items in person before they are donated to a local charity
- Body piercings are not allowed. If students come to school with pierced body jewellery, they will be asked to remove it. Until this is done, the student will work in isolation
- Outdoor coats should not be worn during lessons or in school buildings.

Please note aerosol deodorants / antiperspirants are not allowed in our school or changing rooms for health and safety reasons.

At Saxmundham Free School we expect uniform to be worn smartly and with pride!

Our current uniform supplier is Coes and items can be purchased by visiting their shops in either Lowestoft or Ipswich, or by visiting their website – www.coes.co.uk