

Writing Area

Motion

Question: Should students be required to wear school uniforms?

	For	Against
Distraction/ discrimination	School uniforms help students focus on their studies; clothes can distract children who can get caught up constantly comparing their clothing to those of their peers.	Many dress codes in schools discriminate against female students. For example, they might require girls to wear skirts even in cold weather.
Sense of community/ individuality	School uniforms foster a sense of unity, community and belonging in students to their school. It also enhances a school's image.	Allowing students to dress as they please promotes the individuality each of them possess. Students have the right to express themselves through clothing.
Equality	School uniforms have been described as the "great equaliser" as differences in fashion create social division and puts students under peer pressure.	School uniforms can be a burden on poor families by creating extra costs, as groups like the Child Poverty Action Group have found in surveys.