

# 4 Respecting rules: a common dress code

## A British schoolgirls



## B What's the point of school uniform?

A shirt, tie and blazer may not be the ingredients for my favourite outfit, but if I were given the choice, I wouldn't throw away the idea of school uniform. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student.

"Uniforms show that you are part of an organisation. Wearing it says we're all in this together," Jason Wing, head teacher at the Neale-Wade academy in Cambridgeshire, says.

"Also, if you wear your uniform with pride, it means you are half way there to being respectful, buying into what the organisation is all about."

Claire Howlette, an English teacher, agrees: "Uniforms give students a sense of belonging to a particular school and create an identity for the school in the community."

[...] A school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. Howlette says: "Uniforms help students to prepare for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform."

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1. Buy into sth: *adhérer à qqch.*

**GO!** → WB p. 16

1. Name three items of clothing that constitute a school uniform.
2. Why is it important that a school uniform creates an identity?
3. How do uniforms prepare students for their future?

**GET READY!** → WB p. 15

1. Say what you can see. Who are the girls? What are they doing?
2. Describe their clothes. What is special about their clothes? Why are they dressed like that?
3. What do you think about wearing such an outfit? Give your opinion.

### Vocabulary

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#### Je révise ou je mémorise

- pride: *fierté*
- identical
- be\* half way = be\* nearly convinced
- be\* respectful = show\* respect
- look smart ≠ look untidy

### Grammar

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#### La proposition infinitive avec to

A school uniform **teaches students to dress smartly.**

## PREPARE YOUR FINAL TASKS

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**In groups** Look at the photo of your present school uniform.

You have been asked by your school to update it for boys and girls.

What ideas will you come up with?

You: *I think it would be good to have a blazer.*

A classmate: *Why not change the colours to...?*

