

YOU CAN'T DON THE KILT AT CAMBRIDGE



Plaid out . . . students won't be able to graduate wearing kilt any more

Uni bosses ban tartan

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FURIOUS students at posh Cambridge University have been **BANNED** from wearing kilts and tartan to their graduation ceremony.

Uni bosses ordered all Scots graduates to wear English formal dress underneath their academic gowns.

Men must now turn up to the summer ceremonies in white tie while women have been instructed to wear a black dress or suit.

Unfair

One angry student raged: "All my friends in Scotland are getting to wear kilts at their graduations, so I can't see why I should be any less entitled to just because I go to university in England.

"I'm very proud of my Scottish identity and think this is hugely unfair on all the Scottish students studying here."

Last night politicians slammed the prestigious uni's ban on tartan. Bill Aitken, Tory MSP for Glasgow,

hit out: "Would they have banned ethnic students from wearing their national dress or costume? Of course not.

"Why should Scots be treated any differently? This is totally racist."

The SNP's Kenny McAskill added: "This situation is petty and very narrow-minded.

"Tartan is very popular and fashionable and is growing in popularity every day."

Brian Wilton, spokesman for the Scottish Tartan Authority, also slammed the uni's decision.

He said: "We would be very disappointed to see a ban on tartan and the wearing of national dress. It certainly should not be an issue."

Last night a spokesman for Cambridge University said: "The issue was raised with senior members of the university and they felt that it was time to enforce a total ban.

"It was felt that the breaches of the regulations were becoming more extreme.

"The move is to underline the students' membership of the University of Cambridge."



Ban . . . Kings College, part of England's posh Cambridge University