

Dress code for students – 2015/2016



Principle

Students should take pride in their uniform, care in their appearance and look smart at all times, including walking to and from school. Shirts should be tucked in and ties properly in place. School is a place of work and preparation for working life. The school uniform and appearance rules support good behaviour and discipline across the school. We wish to encourage some choice and avoid extremes or competition in fashion.

School Uniform Wardrobe

Uniform items:

- School tops: a green 'V' neck sweatshirt with school logo, or black blazer with school logo.
- School tie: clip-on school tie for all years in Family colour.
- Shirt – white with collar. Should be with a buttoned collar capable of taking tie.
- Trousers and skirts – Boys and girls should wear plain black full-length trousers (not grey or tracksuit, leisurewear, cord, leggings or denim). Girls may wear a black skirt. Skirts must be a black school skirt that the school deems to be of a reasonable length, not a short/fashion skirt and no more than 5cm above the knee.
- Black tailored shorts may be worn as part of Summer School Uniform (see 'Optional school wardrobe items' overleaf) in May, June and July, these should be of a length that the school deems reasonable (about knee-length).
- Tights – for girls - black or tan coloured.
- Shoes – plain black 'outdoor' shoes with sensible heels, not trainers or shoes with logos.
- Outdoor coats/jackets must not have logos which may cause offence. 'Grunge' style coats are not allowed. Woolly hats are permitted in cold weather, but baseball-style caps and tops are not allowed. Hats and hoods are not to be worn inside. Coats/jackets/other tops do not replace sweatshirts or blazers and should be worn over, not in place of them.

PE Kit:

Students are required to bring PE kit to every PE lesson, even when excused from practical participation as they will be asked take a coaching or umpiring role within the group.

- Year 7 - black PE top with school logo, PE hoodie with school logo for outside PE, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers
- Year 8 - black PE top with school logo, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers. A PE hoodie is advisable for outside PE. School cardigans or sweatshirts must not be worn for PE.
- Years 9 to 11 – black PE top or plain black T-Shirt, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms and trainers. A PE hoodie is advisable for outside PE. School cardigans or sweatshirts must not be worn for PE.

Performing Arts:

- Years 7 & 8 – black PE top with school logo, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms.
- Years 9 to 11 – Performing Arts tops as set by department and other items agreed with teachers for particular courses.

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Optional school wardrobe items:

- Green reversible shower-proof coat/fleece with school logo.
- White polo shirt with school logo in Family colour (in summer months only – May, June and July).
- Black cardigan with school logo for students in Years 10 and 11.

Jewellery - One pair of earrings (studs or small sleepers – little finger size)

- No visible piercings or necklaces
- No retainers, rings or bracelets

Hairstyles - Hairstyles should be reasonable.

- Students will not be allowed into lessons if the school considers the hairstyle to be an extreme of fashion or against the spirit of the school's rules. If in doubt please speak with Ms Bannard or Miss Walker before dyeing or styling.
- For guidance, extremes of fashion and colour are not acceptable and may result in a student being isolated or sent home. Hair dyed to an unnatural colour, two different colours or with tracks cut into hair is unacceptable for school. Hair styled into excessive crests, Mohicans or spikes is also inappropriate. Hair may be coloured a subtle shade or styled, but should be graduated and not distinctly different lengths.

Tattoos - Tattoos and decorative implants are not allowed and should not be seen in school.**Other Items:**

- MP3 players, iPods, mobile telephones and other mobile devices are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if seen.
- Should it be necessary for a student to carry a mobile phone for safety en route to school this must be switched off during school hours, handed in at school reception upon arrival at school and collected from reception at the end of the school day.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost or stolen items. Uniform and other belongings brought into school should be clearly labelled.

When uniform cannot be worn

- Parents should provide a note with the correct date for your child to bring to school to explain why any item of uniform is not worn and when it will be replaced. Non uniform will normally only be accepted for reasons beyond your control. When no letter is received from home parents will normally be given two days to correct any issues. A letter will be given to the student and when possible contact made with parents to explain our concern and that a letter is being sent home with the student.
- Students may be sent home the same day to change. When the dress code has not been adhered to after two days students will be kept out of normal lessons. This is at the discretion of the school.
- Repeated rule breaking will lead to more severe sanctions.

Parents who are unable to purchase the correct uniform for their child due to financial difficulties should approach the school to seek advice and further guidance.

The final decision on all matters of uniform and personal appearance rests with the Headteacher and his deputies.