# Comparison of Chinese and British School Uniform Culture

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- modern interpretation—Western missionaries

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- China
- early 20th century, rise of "gown schools,", a significant shift in Chinese educational attire
- 1950s to 1970s, heavily influenced by adult clothing styles, simple white shirts and blue pants
- post-economic reforms, 1980s, a resurgence of the school uniform culture, more comfortable and practical sportswear

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- sportswear and Western-style attire
- the sportswear, with school emblems
- urban and private schools, Western-style uniforms, inspired by Japanese designs, more diverse and school-specific attire

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- required to wear uniforms on regular school days
- from strict to lenient, depending on the school
- In many schools, wearing a uniform is compulsory
- in private or international settings, a more relaxed approach, express their individuality

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- China
- a symbol of collective identity and school spirit
- a sense of belonging and equality among students, regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds
- educational idea of China, values discipline, unity, and the expression of school culture

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