

# School Uniform Policy

## School Uniform Statement:

The school governors expect every student in Years 7–11 to wear the correct school uniform. For students in the 6th Form, uniform is not required, but good standards of dress are necessary. Sending your child to school in school uniform sets a standard in appearance, of which both parents/carers and the school can be proud. For health reasons, it is important that students are properly dressed for physical activity. It is helpful if articles of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

We believe that a school uniform is important because it:

- Looks smart
- Wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Fosters a feeling of pride
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

## The school uniform for Years 7-11 is as follows:

- Navy Blue Sweatshirt - embroidered with school badge (optional) or plain (non-branded)
- Navy full zip fleece with embroidered badge (optional) or plain (non-branded)
- White blouse / shirt or polo shirt, or white polo shirt with school badge (optional)
- Black sensible shoes or plain black trainers
- Black trousers/skirt/shorts/leggings/tracksuit trousers (non-branded/no logos)
- **No hoodies**
- Summer Dress (Optional)
- Black Blazer (Optional)
- Clip-On Tie (Optional)

\*If your child wishes to wear a blazer, iron-on badges are available to purchase from the school office.

\*\* Clip-On Ties are also available to purchase from the school office

## Jewellery

- NO rings / bracelets / hoop earrings / necklaces.
- NO facial piercings (nose/lip/eyebrow etc)
- YES to a watch / an item relating to the pupil's religion (Appropriate to school wear)
- YES to one small pair of stud earrings in the earlobe. *NB: If children wear a stud/pair of stud earrings there must be an understanding by parents/carers that school will not be liable in the event of an accident/incident.*

***Please note that pupils will be asked to remove jewellery which does not comply with our policy. School will not be liable for any losses.***

## PE KIT

- Plain white/ navy or black T-Shirt or Polo Shirt
- Plain black/ navy shorts
- White/ black cotton PE socks
- Trainers
- Swimming Trunks / Costume / Swimming Hat
- Black or Navy Tracksuits / Sweatshirts for cold weather

***Please note that pupils may be asked to remove any additional items that may cause the pupil(s) harm during particular activities (i.e trampolining).***

## Sixth Form dress code:

Whilst students are not required to wear school uniform, we have high expectations on dress code and wish to set an example to the rest of the lower school. On one designated day each week, we raise our expectation to an interview standard, which will be on a Monday. We expect all students to reflect a modest and tidy appearance at all times.

Black or Brown shoes or boots

- Trainers EXCEPT white
- Trousers including black jeans
- Shirt/Blouse with collar
- Plain t-shirt or with an appropriate logo
- Active wear or matching tracksuit, including black leggings
- Jumper or cardigan or blazer (NO HOODIES)
- Skirts and Dresses (not short or low cut)

The following items **are not** acceptable in the Sixth Form:-

- White trainers
- Blue denim Jeans
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum
- Facial piercings (nose/lip/eyebrow etc)
- Nails may be polished but must be no longer than 5mm
- Hats and caps must be removed when in the school buildings
- High heels are not permitted
- Hoodies are not permitted

In the summer, shorts and skirts are permitted but must not be denim or too short.

## Makeup / Nail Varnish & Nail Extensions and/or Long Fingernails

If a student chooses to wear makeup this must be discreet - no bright lipstick/eye makeup/false eyelashes. Nails (be they natural or false/gel) must be kept short (no longer than fingertip length) and natural in colour.

Nail varnish, long nails or extensions can pose risks for students undertaking practical work in certain subjects.

Students wearing nail varnish/extensions/long nails involved in food preparation and cooking in technology lessons can (especially when inexperienced and learning "how to"), contaminate food with chippings of nail varnish, dirt from under the nails or parts of nail extensions. Long nails or extensions could be trapped or ripped when moving around school through doors and corridors, causing pain and upset. Long nails could also hurt others, for example, during PE, games or drama practical work. These are avoidable situations.

If a student comes to school wearing nail varnish, their Form Tutor or a member of SLT may ask the pupil to remove it with nail polish remover (*Year 7 -11*).

If a student comes to school with nail extensions or long nails, a phone call home will be made to advise that false nails be removed/shortened or natural nails clipped at the earliest opportunity.

For clarity, fingernails should not protrude beyond the ends of the fingers.

## Facial Piercings

If a student arrives at school with a facial piercing the piercing must be either removed or covered with tape.