



## UNIFORM DRESS CODE - KEY STAGES 3 AND 4

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. It can:

- instil pride
- support positive behaviour
- encourage identity with the school ethos
- protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way

We believe that a smart school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

### IN SCHOOL

- Black, flat, formal leather shoes (No sportswear logos)
  - Dark blue, grey or black socks/tights
  - Grey school trouser or kilt
  - Key Stage 3 and Year 10 boys may opt to wear shorts in warmer weather
  - Plain black leather belt (optional)
  - White collared shirt
  - School tie
  - School uniform V-necked pullover (optional) or School cardigan (optional)
  - Plain white T-shirt worn under the shirt (optional)
- **Skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee**
- **Boys should be clean shaven**
- **Boys with longer hair are permitted to wear their hair tied with a black band into a small discreet bun**

### FOR PE LESSONS

- School PE shorts or tracksuit trousers
  - White school PE T-shirt
  - House T-shirt
  - School PE fleece or hoodie (optional)
  - PE kit bag
  - School baseball cap (optional)
- **Girls: one-piece swimsuit and swimming hat**
- **Boys: swimming trunks and swimming hat (no long shorts)**



### **FOR GCSE AND IB PERFORMING ARTS LESSONS**

- School Performing Arts T-shirt
- Comfortable, practical trousers

### **TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

- Dark, plain winter coat
- PE fleece worn as outer coat (may be worn outside at break times)
- Dark, plain hat, scarf, gloves (optional)

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL**

- Trainers (except for PE lessons)
- Canvas shoes
- Ankle or knee high boots

- Colourful T-shirts under shirts
- Leggings
- Footless tights
- Over-the-knee socks
- Belts with ostentatious buckle or decoration

- Hooded sweatshirts
- Denim jackets
- Leather jackets
- Bright-coloured coats

- Jewellery (other than one discreet stud in each ear lobe for girls only)
- Ostentatious hair accessories (discreet hairbands only)
- Make-up
- Nail varnish
- Unnatural hair colours
- Unconventional hairstyles e.g. Shaved lines in the hair

If a student wishes to have a piercing which does not fall in line with the Dress Code, they should ensure that the piercing is done at the start of a school holiday. This should allow enough time for the piercing to heal before the following term starts. If required, the student must then wear a small, discreet plastic retainer in the pierced hole in place of jewellery.



## UNIFORM DRESS CODE - IB STUDENTS

The IB dress code plays an important role in contributing to the ethos both of the IB academy and also of the wider school. An independent and mature approach to learning is one of the key aims of the IB Academy. It is only a short step to university and the world of work and a responsible dress code will prepare students for both worlds.

### GIRLS

- Tailored skirt or trousers
  - Tailored dress
  - Blouse or formal work-appropriate top
  - Smart cardigan/pullover
  - Neutral coloured, sensible formal shoes (a low, wide heel is acceptable).
  - Jewellery, nails and make-up may be worn but should be understated.
  - Maximum 3 ear piercings per ear (girls only)
- **Skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee**

### BOYS

- 2 or 3-piece formal suit or tailored trousers that could be paired with a suit jacket. Smart light chinos are acceptable. These will have vertical pockets with no studs or similar that you would find on jeans. They should be in a single colour without any fading or pattern and must not be dark blue or black.
  - Formal, collared shirt with tie (top button must be able to be fastened)
  - Single coloured pullover with no large logo
  - Black or brown flat formal shoes
- **Business appropriate facial hair.**  
Facial hair must be neatly groomed and trimmed. Stubble is not permitted. The facial hair must be grown during a holiday in order to avoid the scruffy stubble phase.



## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

- Trainers
- Canvas shoes
- Heavy boots
- Dr.Martens boots
- Knee high boots
- High heels/Stiletto or kitten heels
- Flip flops
- Leggings or any variation of leggings worn on their own
- Skin tight, clingy trousers
- Stretch tube skirts
- Casual shorts
- Transparent clothing
- String strap tops
- Stretchy/ribbed/low cut tops
- Tops revealing midriff
- Clothing, which is revealing, this includes short skirts, off the shoulder tops and any top where bra straps are visible.
- T-shirts/Polo shirts
- Piercings visible elsewhere (for example belly button, nose or lip piercings).
- Unnatural hair colours
- Unconventional hairstyles
- Denim
- Hoodies
- Casual shirts (for example checked lumberjack shirts)
- Heavily patterned pullovers
- Loose, baggy sweatshirts/pullovers

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