

## School uniform & sixth form dress

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All pupils are expected to be tidily dressed, to ensure that their clothing is in good order and to keep their shoes clean. Day pupils must travel to school smartly dressed in full uniform.

High standards of dress and personal appearance are expected at all times as indicators of self-discipline, self-respect, personal organisation and a positive attitude to learning. A member of staff's decision about whether any form of dress is acceptable is final. For persistent breaches of the dress regulations, a pupil will be placed on a uniform report card issued by the Deputy Head, in conjunction with the Housemaster/mistress.

All clothes must be properly labelled.

Further detail about uniform, sportswear and equipment is contained in the clothing lists in this handbook.

### Years 7 to 11

**Girls Dress:** normal school wear in Years 7 to 11 consists of:

- the school blazer
- white, long or short-sleeved polycotton/cotton reverse blouse or shirt (school tie optional)
- the school's grey pleated knee-length skirt
- plain black opaque tights (white ankle socks may be worn in summer)
- the school plain black, or house V-necked pullover may be worn if required

**Boys Dress:** normal school wear for boys in Years 7 to 11 consists of:

- the school blazer
- a school tie
- a white long-sleeved, conventional, poly-cotton shirt
- the school's charcoal trousers, with plain, simple black leather belt if necessary
- grey or black socks
- the school plain black or house V-neck pullover may be worn if required

### The sixth form

The sixth form dress code is intended to ensure that all pupils dress in a smart, modest, purposeful and business-like manner during the working day. A range of school-approved suits that match these guidelines are available to purchase from the School Shop. **From September 2020 all sixth formers will be expected to wear a suit bought exclusively from the school shop.**

Subject to the approval of the Headmaster, Deputy Head or Senior House Staff, sixth form dress consists of:

#### Boys

- a black, dark navy or dark charcoal plain tailored suit
- a school tie
- a pale, plain or striped, long-sleeved, business-like polycotton/cotton shirt, tucked in
- a plain coloured, simple V-neck pullover made from fine gauge knitwear. These should be unpatterned; garish colours or unorthodox styles are not allowed
- grey or black socks

#### Girls

- a black, dark navy or dark charcoal plain tailored trouser suit or skirt suit
- skirts should be knee length and not excessively tight fitting. (Trousers must be smart, straight legged and tailored: not tight fitting, jeans-style, baggy, cropped, flared, bootleg or hipsters)
- a pale, plain or striped, business-like polycotton/cotton shirt that can be tucked in
- a plain coloured, simple V-neck pullover made from fine gauge knitwear. These should be unpatterned; garish colours or unorthodox styles are not allowed
- plain black or flesh-coloured tights

#### **NB the following items are not permitted:**

- cardigans or vest tops
- cable knit or half zip jumpers, baggy or cropped jumpers
- items made of canvas, corduroy, or denim

## General

**Bags:** all pupils must have a suitable waterproof school bag to carry books and equipment between lessons. A school rucksack is available.

**Coats and scarves:** all students should have a waterproof black, dark navy or grey coat, with a hood, which is also suitable to be worn to sports fixtures and which is large enough to wear over blazers or suit jackets. No fur trim or writing on the coat is permitted.

From September 2020, all Year 7, 8 9 and 10 pupils will be expected to purchase the recommended black, hooded, waterproof school coat from the school shop at a cost of £55 to £65.

Only official House or School scarves may be worn with uniform.

**Hair:** must be clean, neat and of a natural colour. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. Girls' hair, if shoulder length or longer, should be kept tidy and tied back. Half up/half down is permitted from Years 9 upwards as long as it is off the shoulders and face and is not excessively long. No fashion headscarves are permitted. Hair should be tied back while in uniform and during all meals.

Boys should return to school at the start of term with their hair cut short enough to last three weeks. Boys should be clean shaven.

**Jewellery:** body piercing is not allowed. Only discreet and restrained jewellery is allowed: a simple silver or gold chain may be worn (crucifixes and other religious symbols are acceptable). A single, thin, silver or gold bracelet may also be worn, as may one plain, silver or gold ring. Girls may wear earrings. If worn they should be of simple stud or small sleeper design and there should be a maximum of one per ear, placed centrally in the lobe. Piercings in any other part of the ear are not permitted while in school uniform. A plaster covering jewellery worn in places other than the central lobe is not permitted. Students will be told to take the earring out immediately. Jewellery may not be worn for games, outdoor pursuits or CCF.

**Make-up:** nail varnish is not allowed. In Year 11 and below make-up should not be worn with uniform or during the formal school day. In the sixth form, make-up, if worn, must be subtle and discreet.

**Summer dress:** 'shirt sleeve order' is permitted in summer (no blazer or pullover, tie optional) but may not be worn in Settle or in Chapel. This will be announced by the Senior Master.

**Shirts:** shirts should always be tucked in. Top buttons should always be done up.

**Shoes:** sensible black polishable leather shoes should be worn. Heels should be no more than 1½ inches high. In wintry conditions, wellington boots may be worn.

**Sports clothing and footwear:** only approved sportswear may be worn for PE and games. Pupils must wear the specified clothing for an activity as instructed by the member of staff in charge. Only sports shoes with non-marking soles may be worn on Squash Courts or in the Sports Hall. In general sportswear should not be worn in the dining room; however, if unavoidable, boys should be wearing clean track suit bottoms, and girls should be wearing plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

**Formal wear:** for most formal occasions and all Sunday morning Chapel Services, pupils in Years 7 to 11 wear school uniform. Pupils in the sixth form must wear their dark suits with a white shirt. For **specified formal occasions**, pupils in Year 11 have the option to wear one of the official school suits, available via the school shop.

**Smart casual wear:** if the dress code is smart casual, pupils should wear a collared shirt or blouse, and smart chinos/jeans, skirt or dress. Shorts, leggings, hoodies and flip flops are not smart, and shoulders and midriffs should be covered. On school trips dress is usually smart casual but pupils should follow specific instructions from the trip leader.

**Casualwear:** pupils in Year 9 and above may wear casual clothes after 16:15 and all day on Sunday. Non-uniform clothes should be clean, tidy and in good repair and must meet with staff approval. Clothing should be modest. Shoulders and midriffs should be covered in the dining hall.