



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND

## **TASIS Upper School Uniform Requirements**

**2024-25**

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our sense of community and to the ethos and mission of our School. It also sets the appropriate tone for learning. The uniform is designed to allow students to participate fully in all school activities and to move freely and comfortably without the need for adjustments. We ask all of our students to show their readiness to learn by following our uniform guidelines on a daily basis.

The uniform guidelines support parents in partnering with the School to ensure that our students are prepared and ready for the learning opportunities that each day will present. We are grateful for the parental support needed to ensure that our uniform guidelines are adhered to. Any questions concerning dress should be directed to your child's class advisor in the first instance, otherwise the Upper School Dean of Students. Any exchanges/returns for uniform purchases should be left at Security, not at the Upper School office.

All Upper School students, out of respect for themselves and the TASIS England community, are expected to dress according to the uniform guidelines. The uniform must be worn during the academic day, from 8:10 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Boarding students are to come to breakfast dressed in uniform or ready for their first period class.

Students are required to purchase the school plaid skirts and all TASIS-crested items from the designated TASIS vendor or used uniform sale. Trousers can be purchased from other vendors, provided that they comply with the length, color, and style guidelines. The uniform requirements (as set out in the TASIS Behavioral Policies and Guidelines) apply equally to all students, irrespective of their sex, gender reassignment, race, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, or religion or belief or special educational needs, subject to considerations of safety and welfare. However, the School will consider reasonable requests to alter the school uniform, for example, for genuine religious requirements and reasonable adjustments for disabled children.

## Uniform Guidelines

Fall Uniform: First day of school to last day of school before October Break

Winter Uniform: First day after October Break to the last day of school before Spring Break

Spring Uniform: First day after Spring Break to the last day of exams

Fall/Spring	Winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Khaki/navy trousers</li><li>• TESIS plaid skirt</li><li>• TESIS-crested* polo shirt</li><li>• TESIS-crested* sweater, TESIS-crested* cardigan, or TESIS-crested* quarter zip with TESIS polo shirt underneath</li></ul> <p>* Note: displaying the TESIS shield, not the school mascot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Khaki/navy trousers</li><li>• TESIS plaid skirt with opaque navy or black tights</li><li>• TESIS-crested* shirt or blouse</li><li>• When wearing a button-down shirt in winter, a tie must be worn</li><li>• TESIS-crested* sweater, TESIS-crested* cardigan, or TESIS-crested* quarter zip with TESIS shirt or blouse underneath</li></ul>

For official TESIS clothing, you can order online here: [www.tesisuniforms.co.uk](http://www.tesisuniforms.co.uk)

**You need to be in uniform underneath coats. Coats should be neat and clean and fit in the following guidelines:**

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain coats</li><li>• Dark colors, blue or subtle colors</li><li>• <b>TESIS</b> jacket with a hood</li><li>• Service jackets of any color</li><li>• <b>TESIS</b> sports jackets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coats displaying a lot of text</li><li>• Colors that stand out</li><li>• Denim</li><li>• Sweatshirt material</li><li>• Hoodies</li><li>• Dorm sweatshirts, whether hooded or not</li></ul>

## Item-specific Guidelines

- **Trousers:** can be purchased from any vendor. Must be khaki or navy in color and must be full-length, measuring waist to ankle. Must be tailored in style and made of a fabric such as cotton, cotton/polyester, or wool. Trousers made of fabrics such as denim, corduroy, leather, velvet, etc. are not acceptable as uniform wear; please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

- **Skirts:** must be the TASIS plaid skirt, purchased from the TASIS uniform vendor. The skirt must be worn unrolled and unaltered, with top buttons and original tartan blocks intact. In winter, opaque black or navy tights must be worn with the skirt.
- **Hats and Headwear:** Non-religious headwear may not be worn in any school building.
- **Shoes:** Plain black, brown, or navy dress shoes must be worn. Shoe heels must not be more than 5 cm (2in). Shoes with white soles visible from the sides are not permitted. If you are unsure, ask.
- **Boots:** During the winter only, black, brown, or navy boots may be worn. The heel must be less than 2 inches and the boot must be no higher than the knee. Slipper-style boots, such as traditional UGGs, are not permitted.
- **Socks:** May only be plain black or navy, that rise above the ankle but no higher than the knee. Socks or tights must be worn with the uniform.
- **Tights:** May only be plain black or navy. Must not have any ladders or tears. Socks or tights must be worn with the uniform.
- **Belts:** A black or brown dress belt inside of the belt loops may be worn.
- **Ties:** Should reflect the general uniform guidelines and must not include words or images that may cause offense.
- **Tattoos:** Permanent tattoos are not supported by TASIS and must not be visible.
- **Suits and Formal Wear:** Suits, formal dresses, or traditional dress are expected to be worn for special occasions and formal school functions such as Homecoming, Prom, Graduation, and for the boarding Community Meal.
- **Jewelry:** Ostentatious jewelry and fashion accessories are not permitted. Facial and body piercings, including clear jewelry or tongue piercings, are not permitted.
- **Hair:** Ostentatious hairstyles and hair colors (i.e., outside of the “natural” color range) are not permitted. Students should be clean-shaven, although neatly trimmed mustaches and beards are permitted in the Upper School. Sideburns are not to extend beyond ear length.
- **Nails:** Acrylic nails are not permitted for students in Grades 9 and 10, as UK legislation does not allow acrylic nails when participating in PE lessons.
- **Symbols of Faith:** Certain items of jewelry, such as the Kara bangle worn by Sikhs, and certain items of headwear, such as the turban and headscarves, may be worn by students when doing so is genuinely based on manifesting religious or racial beliefs or identity. This is subject to considerations of safety and welfare and the School’s existing school uniform policy principles (in regards to, for example, the school colors). Where there is uncertainty as to whether an item may be worn under this section, the issue must be referred by the student or his/her parents to the Head of Upper School and Dean of Students.

*Please note that while the guidelines above provide detail on our uniform items, this is not an exhaustive list. Any items that may distract from the learning environment, cause offense, or raise other concerns will be addressed at the discretion of the Dean of Students.*