



# UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

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## Introduction

1. Pupils are encouraged to maintain high standards in the way they present themselves and to take pride in their appearance.
2. Pupils are expected to wear the correct School uniform as on the uniform list. Clothing is to be clean and in good condition. Regulation footwear is to be worn for health and safety. Shoe suppliers can be found in the uniform list.
3. Infants and Juniors must wear Blazers and/or the wax jacket to and from School. In cold weather, Senior girls must wear the School blazer to and from School. In cold weather Seniors must wear the winter coat. All possessions and clothing must be clearly named. Games kit and science overalls must be named on the outside. Pupils are forbidden to borrow sports kit and science overalls at all times.
4. Only plain round, gold or silver ear studs are permissible; one stud only in each ear lobe. No piercing other than this is allowed.
5. Pupils may wear a religious symbol on a chain inside their shirts. No other jewellery is permitted (except for mandatory and genuine religious requirements). Rings and sleepers particularly are not allowed for reasons of health and safety. All watches must be of the analogue type.
6. Pupils' hair is to be tied back if it is shoulder length and should be neat, so that it does not obstruct their work or become trapped in equipment. Hair is not to be dyed.
7. No nail polish or make up may be worn.
8. The School Uniform requirements apply equally to all pupils, irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion, belief, special educational needs or sexual orientation subject to health and safety and welfare considerations. The School will consider reasonable requests to alter the School uniform, for example, to accommodate mandatory and genuine religious requirements (subject to health and safety) and reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils. Should parents wish to discuss these they should be raised with the Head.

## Non-uniform Days

Non-uniform days are usually held once a term. However, this varies according to the time of year and the School's commitments. Each pupil will be required to donate an amount, specified at the time, in order to dress casually. This may consist of:

- Jeans (not ripped), trousers or skirts (no mini-skirts).

- Top (not strappy or short) – no bare midriffs.
- Shoes of their own choice which must be safe.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Beach wear must not be worn.
- Clothing should not be tight or excessively short.

Pupils must wear regulation games kit for games lessons.

The proceeds of non-uniform days go to a variety of charities.

Pupils who arrive in inappropriate clothing will be asked to wear games kit and to hand in their non-uniform clothes to the School Office for the day. It can be collected at 4.00pm.

## **Confiscation**

Non-regulation clothing or items of jewellery will be confiscated. The confiscated articles must be brought to the School Office and behaviour point will be issued. Pupils should retrieve their belongings at 3.55pm the same day.

When members of staff need to confiscate items, property will be handled carefully and the confiscation carried out with courtesy and sensitivity.