

Secondary Phase Uniform Requirements (Y8-11 2023-24)

School uniform identifies our students as belonging to our school community. It helps instil a sense of belonging and should be worn with significant pride. School uniform allows students to see themselves as equals and reduces overall costs to parents. The school uniform requirements cover students whilst they are on-site, on journeys to and from school and when students are representing the school in an off-site activity. We would ask for parents to support our standards of uniform to and from school.

The school uniform policy adheres to the 2012 guidance on School Uniform published by the Department for Education.

It is the expectation that students adhere rigidly to the uniform requirements. We value the support of parents and carers assisting the school in ensuring that students comply with our uniform requirements at all times. The uniform is designed to be smart, practical, economical and hard wearing. However, as a school we are aware that due to the pandemic, there may be times when some uniform items may not be available. Please contact the school if this is the case to prevent any issues.

Blazers:

- Official blue school blazer with school logo embroidered.
- Blazers must be worn at all times in and around the school unless permission has been granted by a senior member of staff. In lessons students may remove their blazer when permitted by the class teacher.
- Students must have the coloured strip that identifies them as a member of a specific house. This strip should be attached to their blazer top pocket.
- Rolling-up of the blazer sleeves is not permitted.

Polos: (Optional Item)

- During Terms 5 and 6 students will be able to wear a plain white polo shirt
- A school blazer should be worn to and from school with the polo top. The blazer may be removed once in lessons when granted permission by the teacher.
- Polos are to be tucked in.

Shirts:

- All shirts must be white and professional looking.
- All students are to wear collared shirts which are long enough to tuck into trousers or skirts.
- All shirts and blouses are to be tucked in.
- Coloured t-shirts which can be seen under the shirt are not permitted.
- Shirts made of sheer material are not permitted.

Trousers:

- Trousers should be black in colour, look professional and are acceptable when the material consists of a polyester blend.
- All trousers are to be ankle length or longer.
- Skinny style of trousers, chinos, trousers of any denim material, and trousers which are 'stuck to' the leg, are not permitted.
- Trousers rolled up is not permitted.

Skirts:

- Black skirts only.
- Length requirement: when the student places their hands down to the side of their thigh, the skirt must be 5cm below the middle fingertip.
- Skirts made of jersey or stretchy material are not permitted.
- Skirts which do not meet the length requirement, or are ankle length are not permitted.

Ties:

- Optional official school tie can be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.

Tights and Socks:

- Black tights only are to be worn.
- Socks or tights may be worn with skirts.
- Students are to wear black socks only.
- Footless tights, leggings/Jeggings or white or coloured socks are not permitted.

Jewellery:

- **All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.**
- One pair stud earring (one in each ear – worn on the ear lobe only) and no bigger than 5mm
- One ring
- One watch (the watch should be discreet and not a fashion item)
- No facial/body/tongue piercings are permitted (If a student comes to school with a visible facial/body piercing, they will be asked to remove the piercing)
- Bracelets not permitted.
- Necklaces not permitted.
- If a student wants to get a piercing, it needs to be done earlier enough in the summer holidays so that it may be removed during school hours. (The piercing must be removed during term time)
- Charity bracelets which are sold through the school may be worn during the designated week for that specific charity.

Shoes:

- Formal school shoes and laces must be black – discreet buckles or fastening on school shoes will be accepted.
- Boots may only be worn for safety reasons when there is extreme weather and only when parents have been notified in writing/email/ text message by the school.
- Canvas shoes; trainers; or any shoes with coloured logos, edging, or different coloured soles are not permitted.
- Shoes that resemble trainers, sandals, boots (please see above), or open-toed shoes, including Nike Air Force 1, are not permitted.

Make-Up:

- Only lightly applied natural-looking makeup is allowed.
- It is up to the tutor and Performance Leader to define the terms 'lightly applied' and 'natural looking'. If the tutor and Performance Leader believe it not to be, the student will be asked to remove the makeup in school.
- Clear lip gloss and clear lip balm is allowed.
- Lipstick or lip gloss of any colour, coloured nail varnish, false eyelashes, false or acrylic nails are not permitted.

Hair:

- Hair should be tidy and of reasonable appearance.
- All hair colours should be natural-looking.
- All hair bands and hair accessories worn should be plain and navy blue or black. Any clip used to fasten hair should be small and unobtrusive in colour and style.
- Patterns or logos shaved into the hair, and no unnatural hair colours- purples, greens, blues, etc are permitted.
- No coloured hair accessories are to be worn unless they are navy blue or black permitted.

Hats, Gloves and Scarves:

- Hats, gloves and scarves may be worn to and from school.
- All items are to be removed once entering the school premises for AM Registration and lessons.
- Hats, gloves and scarves may be worn during Break and Lunch when weather appropriate.
- Head scarves may be worn for religious reasons.
- Hats, gloves, and scarves are not to be worn while in lessons.

Coats, Jackets and Hoodies:

- Coats and jackets may be worn to and from school. All items must be removed by AM registration.
- Coats and jackets may not be worn during lessons; however, coats and jackets may be worn during Break and Lunch when weather appropriate.

- Hoodies are not an acceptable item in school. If worn to and from school, they must be removed before AM Registration. (Hoodies being worn during the school day will be confiscated)

Pullover Jumpers (Optional Item):

- Plain unbranded black V neck jumper only.
- Black jumpers do not take the place of a school blazer.

Bags:

- Students should use a bag for school that is big enough to transport all their equipment for school without damage to this equipment – such as exercise books/ A4 folders.
- Small bags that are unable to contain appropriate equipment are not permitted.

PE Uniform

All students from Year 7 - 11 require the following items for PE:

- Black Logoed Polo Shirt (two fits available)
- Plain unbranded black fleece - zip or ¼ zip
- Plain unbranded black opaque leggings
- Plain unbranded black shorts
- Plain unbranded black joggers
- Plain black socks
- Base Layer of any colour for extra warmth
- Trainers
- Football boots (optional)

Logo'd items under our school uniform policy can be ordered from the following supplier:

Stevensons Northampton

40 – 42 Abington Square, Northampton, NN1 4AA

Opening hours 9am – 5.30pm Mon to Sat (closed on Wednesday).

Telephone: 01604 635828

Enforcement of Uniform

The vast majority of students value the uniform and wear it with significant pride. It is the responsibility of all staff to work together to ensure that the uniform is consistently worn to the requirements specified in this document.

A student's failure to adhere to the school uniform policy is a clear breach of the school behaviour code.

Persistent failure to adhere to the uniform guidance will be seen as persistent poor behaviour and will result in a substantial consequence that may include a fixed term exclusion from the school. We will stock a supply of uniform items at school which the students will be asked to change into if not wearing proper uniform.

The school also reserves the right to ask students who are not wearing proper school uniform to go home and change. In this instance, parents will be contacted prior to any student leaving the school premises.

Approval for any student not to wear full uniform must be sought, by parents, in writing, directly to the Principal or in his absence, one of the Vice Principals. This will only be accepted when there is an exceptional justification for the student not to wear uniform. If a decision is made to not accept the parental explanation, parents will be contacted directly to help them find an alternative.

In situations where, for whatever reason, there are financial issues which are hindering a parent's ability to provide school uniform, parents are advised to contact the Principal's office directly. Any assistance that the school may be able to provide will be at the discretion of the school. All enquiries regarding financial support will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially and will not be shared with classroom staff or form tutors.