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Uniform and Appearance

a guide for parents/carers

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Dress Code and Uniform



Buying a school uniform can be expensive and for this reason our uniform has been carefully chosen and priced so that whilst it is distinctive from those of other schools, it is also easily obtainable and keenly priced.

We believe our uniform creates our school identity and establishes a sense of pride amongst the students. It is expected that all students will come to the school every day in full, neat, clean uniform, giving the message that our students are proud to be part of our school community.

This will continue to be the case until the student leaves the school and will also apply to the public examination period for all students. Year 11 students will attend all examinations and revision sessions in full uniform until their last examination.

The support of parents in upholding our high standards and expectations of uniform and appearance is important. Staff are required to ensure these standards are maintained at all times and will challenge students who do not uphold our standards.

We believe that a school uniform sends a strong message about standards and self-worth. Admission to our school implies acceptance of the uniform code and students who are not correctly dressed may be sent home to change or be isolated from other students by a senior member of staff. Repeated disregard for school rules could result in further sanctions.

We believe that wearing a uniform does not discriminate and ensures all students have equal opportunities and shared expectations, regardless of background.

Personal appearance



Hair

Hair must be worn in a style appropriate for school. If your hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back. Hair styles must be such that they can easily be kept neat and do not prevent students from participating effectively and safely in all school activities. Hair accessories such as ribbons, hair bands and bobbles should be plain, of simple design and coloured purple, black or white. Head coverings must be purple or black.

Heads must not be fully shaved and should be no shorter than a grade 2, nor should there be any style which the school believes would undermine the ethos or discipline of the school.

The dying of hair in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted. Students will be required to re-dye their hair in the event of failing to adhere to this rule. Eyebrows should also look natural. Only braids of natural colours are allowed.

Our school uniform policy complies with the Halo Code, which is a gender-neutral policy to protect all afro-textured hair styles and their cultural significance.



Shirt, skirt and trouser styles

Shirts must be plain white with a collar (casual shirts are not permitted) and should be worn appropriately, i.e. shirts must be tucked in, collars buttoned to the top and ties clipped on. Trousers should be tailored only and should be worn with a belt where necessary and should not hang below the waist.

Skirts must be around knee length. We will ask a student to change a skirt if we feel it is not the correct length for school. No jeans, fashion trousers or leggings are allowed.





Outdoor coats

Must be removed on entering the building and should be worn on the journey to and from school only or in the playground. Students should not wear hoodies, cardigans and non-uniform jumpers under their blazers.

We will request that these items are removed until the end of the school day. Coats should be stored in school bags or student lockers.



Make up and nail varnish

Coloured nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes and make-up should not be worn. If wearing make-up, students will be asked to remove it.

Students will also be asked to remove nail varnish immediately. Also, coloured lip balm is not allowed.



Jewellery

No earrings, other jewellery or piercings of any kind are to be worn, except for a watch. Watches must be removed before P.E lessons, including smart watches. Students who persist in wearing jewellery will have these items confiscated for a week.

Staff confiscating jewellery will place it in a labelled envelope and which will be taken to the House Office to be locked away.

The school takes no responsibility for jewellery which is brought into school, and is subsequently lost or stolen. However, once confiscated, the school and its staff are responsible for ensuring its security.



Parental support

Parental support is crucial in upholding our high standard of uniform and appearance at our school.

Parents are asked to note that we do not accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal property on, or left on, the premises.

The school retains the right to act as the final authority in the interpretation of the dress code and any student who fails to adhere to our uniform guidelines will risk being isolated as per our Behaviour Policy.

If unsure, parents and students are advised to contact school for clarification before purchasing an item.

Uniform Summary Years 7-11 - compulsory uniform

PURPLE BLAZER: with school crest.

SCHOOL TIE: School tie must be in house colour and purchased from Liverpool Schoolwear or Trutex Schoolwear).

WHITE SHIRT: White, long or short sleeved, button to collar shirt.

WHITE BLOUSE: Plain, white, long/short sleeved button to collar blouse with a pointed collar. (No pintucks).

BLACK TROUSERS: Plain, black uniform trousers i.e. straight leg, tailored trousers. Fashion styles e.g. canvas/cargo/jean styles are NOT allowed.

BLACK SCHOOL SKIRT: The school skirt has a central inverted pleat and should be at around knee length.

SOCKS: Plain black, dark grey or white ankle or knee length.

SCHOOL SHOES: Plain black with a flat heel. 'Plain' means not suede and without decoration. Shoes with heels, i.e., which measure more than 3cm on the inner part of the heel, are not suitable footwear for Years 7–11 as a health and safety issue. Boots (including Kicker boots) are not allowed. Training shoes are not acceptable (e.g. black Converse, Nike, Adidas, etc.).

COAT: Plain coat. Coats must be removed inside school and placed inside the student's locker.

SCHOOL BAG: Capable of holding an A4 folder.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY APRON: Blue cotton (**NOT** available from Liverpool Schoolwear or Trutex Schoolwear).

FOOD TECHNOLOGY APRON: White cotton (available from Liverpool Schoolwear and Trutex Schoolwear).

The colour difference is intentional, in order to separate the two subjects for hygiene reasons.

Optional

SWEATER or CARDIGAN: Black V-neck with purple/silver band.

HEAD SCARF: Plain black or purple with no tassels or embroidery.

PURSE BELT: Black (optional).

SCHOOL SCARF: Purple and white striped regulation school scarf or plain black.

SCIENCE COAT: White lab coat (optional)

Footwear

Black flat shoes with no other colours or marking. They should be a polishable, smart, leather formal type shoe, not a suede, canvas or leather trainer / leisure footwear type. Do not assume stores that label their stock 'School Shoes' will be an appropriate purchase. Please use the photographs below as a guide of what is acceptable. If in doubt, please contact Mr Lawton, Deputy Headteacher.

Examples of suitable school shoes



Examples of unsuitable school shoes



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PE Kit

It is advisable to have all items of uniform identified with name labels. PE kit may optionally be embroidered by your outfitters, with student's initials in the correct House colour, if desired however this is not compulsory.

Compulsory kit

WHITE ST HILDA'S BRANDED SHIRT: (purchased via school providers).

NAVY BLUE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHORTS

SCHOOL NAVY SWEATSHIRT

LEGGINGS

PURPLE FOOTBALL SOCKS

TRAINERS: Predominantly black or white none-marking soled trainers (see additional information).

FOOTBALL BOOTS: The boots should be able to be worn on grass to cover activities like football, rugby and possibly cross country. The football boots cannot be used on the Astro pitch.

ACCESSORIES: Shin pads, gum shield, plasters (if ears are newly pierced).

HAIR BOBBLE: (for hair that is below shoulder length).

PLEASE NOTE – SKORTS ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE SCHOOL'S UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

Optional: Plain black coloured gloves, School Navy tracksuit bottoms, Towel for wet weather.

Examples of suitable and unsuitable trainers



forgetting kit

If a student forgets their kit, they must borrow out of the spare PE stock.

We view the forgetting of kit seriously as it wastes time finding alternative dress for those pupils and can hold up the lesson so valuable teaching and learning time is lost. Students who forget part or all of their PE kit will be given a detention. We request your support in this matter

Illness

If a pupil is ill or has an injury, a letter must be brought in and given to the PE teacher at the beginning of the lesson. Students are not normally excused for minor illnesses like colds or sore throats. The student may not be excused if they forget their note. If s/he is likely to be out of action for longer than 3 weeks then a doctor's note is required.

Students with asthma must bring their inhaler to every lesson.

Even if a student is excused from the physical side of the lesson, they will still be involved. They will umpire, coach, act as an official or work towards improving her knowledge of analysing movement. **THEY WILL ALWAYS CHANGE INTO THEIR PE KIT FOR THE LESSON.** Only under extreme circumstances will this rule be waived. This practice, highly praised by OFSTED, will continue. It is good training for the pupil and makes them feel a part of the group.



Approved uniform suppliers

The approved school uniform suppliers are:

Liverpool Schoolwear

298 St. Mary's Road
Liverpool
L19 0NQ

0151 345 3797

Trutex @ AMJ Schoolwear Ltd

48/50 London Road
Liverpool
L3 5NF

0151 709 7009

For more information, please contact the stores directly.

We list approved uniform suppliers in order to save parents the disappointment and expense of purchasing garments which are rejected by the school. **This Policy will be reviewed annually based on guidance available.**



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