

Wycombe High School

Uniform policy for Years 7 to 11 and Sixth Form Dress Code

Our uniform policy and dress codes have been drawn up in consultation with students, parents, staff and members of the local community, including faith groups.

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of, and from, all students. Through our uniform policy and dress codes we aim to:

- encourage pride in the school;
- encourage a sense of equality and cohesion;
- protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- ensure that girls of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome;
- support teaching and learning;
- provide a safe and secure environment in which students learn how to dress appropriately.

In these ways, the uniform and dress codes support the overall aims of the school.

Uniform - Years 7 - 11

Regulation items of uniform must be purchased from the school uniform supplier. The current list is as follows:

- **Regulation** blue, revere collared short or long sleeved blouse;
- **Regulation**, v neck jumper with embroidered school badge, blue for Years 7, 8 and 9 and burgundy for Years 10 and 11 (other jumpers may not be worn);
- **Regulation** black skirt, worn close to the knee or **regulation** black hipster trousers;
- Plain black socks or black / flesh coloured tights;
- Dark-coloured flat and low-heeled shoes suitable for wearing during the day and to and from school;
- Plain, dark blue or black coat (not gilet or PE hoodie) suitable for wearing to and from school, (denim, leather and suede jackets are not permitted);
- Plain, dark coloured scarf and / or hat;
- Outdoor clothing, including coats, hats and scarves, must be removed on arrival at school;
- Hair should be worn away from the face or tied up and back (for students in Years 7 to 9) using a scrunchie, hairband, clip or ribbon;
- Hair accessories for all year groups must be plain blue, black or in a colour that naturally blends with the hair;
- Unnatural hair colouring is not permitted; the interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows:
 - a colour that is not found within the natural hair colour spectrum, i.e. a bright, extreme or vivid colour;
 - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast.
- If hair extensions are worn, no beading is permitted. Extensions must also be in a colour that naturally blends with the hair;
- Jewellery is not permitted; however, a lightweight gold or silver chain with a small religious symbol is permissible;
- One small, single, plain gold or silver stud in each ear is permitted; the stud must be worn in the lower part of the earlobe and should be removed for PE and dance lessons. Students wearing studs in their ears, other than their lobes will be expected to remove them;
- Other body piercings or tattoos / body paintings are not permitted;
- Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted;
- Fingernails must be short and nail extensions of any kind may not be worn;
- Garments covering the face or whole body are not permitted;
- Muslim students who wish to wear hijabs may do so provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and dark blue or black;
- A plain, dark-coloured, medium size rucksack should be used to, from and within school.

Uniform Supplier

Our supplier is:

Sportcrest
Swan House
1 White Hart Street
High Wycombe
HP11 2HL

Tel: 01494 534741

Fax: 01494 462425

Opening hours are Monday - Saturday 9.00 am - 5.30 pm and Sunday 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Please note that although uniform is for sale on Sundays, there is no professional fitting service available. This service is available Monday until Saturday only.

Sixth Form Dress Code

There is no uniform in the Sixth Form; however Sixth Form students are required to fully comply with the following dress code and to be dressed in a way that is neat, tidy and appropriate to the school environment.

The following are requirements:

- no excessive exposure of flesh;
 - no spaghetti or shoelace straps to tops or dresses;
 - no strapless tops or dresses;
 - no plunging necklines;
 - no bare midriffs;
- leggings may not be worn as an alternative to trousers;
- mid-length **smart** skirts, shorts and dresses may be worn;
- t-shirts which have inappropriate comments / logos on them are not permitted;
- coats may not be worn in and around the school;
- visible piercings, other than in the ear lobes, and tattoos / body paintings are not permitted;
- unnatural hair colouring is not permitted; the interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows:
 - a colour that is not found within the natural hair colour spectrum, ie a bright, extreme or vivid colour;
 - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast.
- if hair extensions are worn, no beading is permitted. Extensions must also be in a colour that naturally blends with the hair;
- garments covering the face or whole body are not permitted;
- Muslim students who wish to wear hijabs may do so.

On formal occasions, for example, when guiding or assisting departments on Open Evening and welcoming visitors to school events, Sixth Formers are expected to wear black trousers / skirts and white shirts.

Cost of uniform

We want to ensure that the cost of uniform does not deter any girl from applying to the school, nor leads to students feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. Parents who are unable to provide their daughter with the required items of school uniform should contact Student Support Services. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity.

Enforcement of the Uniform Policy / Sixth Form Dress Code

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their daughter comes to school in the correct uniform (see the Home School Agreement). Form tutors are responsible for monitoring uniform / dress code: all staff have a responsibility for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in lessons and elsewhere on the school site.

A student wearing non-uniform / inappropriate clothing will be sent to Student Support Services / Head of Sixth Form to change. In the event of repeated uniform / dress code infringements parents will be contacted and the student will risk being sent home or other sanctions being applied, according to the school's behaviour management policy. In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item, which may be confiscated.

The uniform policy and dress code apply to students taking part in school-related activities within and beyond timetabled lessons, on and off the school site, for example during educational visits, unless otherwise stated.

The Headteacher is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress.

Issues arising from the policy

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, Sixth Form Dress Code or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons such as medical needs will be carefully considered.

Students should raise issues with their form tutor and Head of House / School; they may also request that uniform matters, including proposals for change, be put on to the agenda of Year and School Council meetings.

Policy reviews

Our uniform regulations are reviewed annually; the review includes consideration of uniform items, supply, cost and value for money. Parents, students and staff are consulted regularly and no less frequently than every three years.

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