

School Uniform Policy

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Principles

Students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear school uniform. There is no uniform in the Sixth Form, but students are asked to dress in a manner appropriate for a place of work and to support the general tone of the school.

Parents will be given sufficient notice relating to the requirements for school uniform particularly when there is a change to the uniform or for those students that are joining the school. Uniform requirements are communicated at the start of each academic year and guidelines are published in student planners.

Changes to uniform

The school is likely to make minor amendments to the school uniform policy as required in order to maintain positive behaviour and school discipline. All changes will be communicated to parents and pupils well in advance.

Should the school be considering a major change such as the introduction of new school uniform, in accordance with the principles of good practice, the governing body will consult widely with current pupils and parents/carers and prospective pupils and parents/carers.

Obtaining uniform

In setting up the uniform rules the school has due regard to the availability of uniform items from retailers. Where specific items emblazoned with the school logo are required the school will use at least two retailers in order to ensure that best value is maintained. All other items required for student uniform should be obtainable from mainstream retailers.

The acquisition of school uniform for those students in receipt of 'Free School Meals' can be supported through an application under the Welsh Government School Uniform Grant Scheme. Further details are available from the Local Authority.

Religious beliefs

It is possible for many religious requirements to be met within the school uniform policy and, as such, the school will act reasonably in accommodating religious requirements. The Governing body will consider carefully any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief.

Sanctions

The Headteacher will take appropriate action should any students not conform to the uniform requirements laid down. This action could be, but is not limited to, a fixed term exclusion should it be determined that non-compliance affects the ethos and overall discipline within the school.

Normally minor school uniform infringements would be dealt with by asking the pupils involved to make efforts to address the issue combined with contact made with parents/guardians to ensure their full support.

More significant infringements or continued defiance of the school policy would likely lead to the pupil being placed in internal isolation and the parents contacted to come in to school to discuss making the necessary adjustments to allow the policy to be followed

Complaints

Complaints about school uniform (or dress) should be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints procedure.

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The following guidelines are those that are published in pupil planners and sent home each year for parent's to refer to -

SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES / RHEOLAU GWISG YSGOL (Sept 2015)

The school places great importance on uniform and we look to the support of parents to ensure that uniform regulations are followed. Requiring pupils to wear school uniform emphasises our belief in the identity of the school, develops pride and a sense of belonging, establishes standards and promotes equality. It also underlines the importance of being neat and tidy in all aspects of school life.

We would remind parents that extremes of fashion are inappropriate to a school environment. Please ensure that clothing is labelled to avoid loss/assist recovery.

All Pupils :- as appropriate to gender.

- A plain, dark coat or jacket suitable for weather conditions but coats must not be worn inside the school buildings. Scarves, caps and hats are not allowed in school.
- Plain, white shirt:- which must be worn with the top button done up.
- School tie:- worn to the top button.
- Black V-neck school jumper:- must be embroidered with school emblem. Cardigans are not allowed.
- Plain black skirt:- approximately knee length. Skirts must not be made of stretch fabric and must not be too short or too tight.
- Plain dark grey or black tailored trousers of formal, loose fitting style. Jean style, combat, cord, denim, canvas, stretch material and 'legging' style trousers are not allowed. No logos should be visible.
- Trousers must be worn at the waist.
- Belts, if worn, must be of a dark colour with a small, discreet buckle.
- Plain white, black or grey socks, or black tights. Over-knee socks, trainer socks and patterned tights are not allowed.
- Black shoes:- suitable for school and of a type that can be polished. High heeled or open toed shoes, trainers, canvas shoes, sandals, boots and any footwear with visible logos are not allowed.

Please be aware that clothing sold as 'school uniform' in some shops may not always be appropriate or acceptable. If in doubt please contact the school for clarification

GIRLS' PE UNIFORM

Plain white polo T-shirt with school logo
Black shorts (not cycling shorts) Or Black skirts
Red outdoor top with school logo
School red and white rugby shirt (optional)
Red long socks
Trainers
Towel

BOYS' PE UNIFORM

Plain white polo T-shirt school logo
Black shorts
School red and white rugby shirt
Red outdoor top with school logo
Red long socks
Trainers
Football boots
Towel

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Health and Safety

Shin-pads are required for hockey, football and rugby

The use of gum-shields is strongly encouraged for sports such as hockey and rugby.

Under no circumstances can ANY items of jewellery be worn for PE lessons. Ear piercings may NOT be covered with plasters.

We do not allow any body piercing apart from ear studs.

Jewellery:

The only jewellery permitted in school is –

- Discreet plain metal ear stud (maximum one small stud per ear lobe)
- One small finger ring (with no edges or projections)
- Wristwatch
- One appropriate charity wrist band

No other jewellery is acceptable.

On no account should expensive jewellery be brought into school.

Hairstyles:

- Hair should be of a natural colour (Dip-dyes are unacceptable)
- Inappropriate or extreme hairstyles are not allowed, this includes 'tram lines'. Patterns cut into the hair that is too 'styled'
- Hair-bands and accessories must be of a plain style, for example, no flowers or bandanas are allowed.

Make up:

Any make up worn must not be obvious

- Light mousse or foundation and a little mascara are acceptable.
- Coloured lipstick/gloss, eye shadow, blusher, eye liner and pencilled eyebrows are not acceptable.
- Coloured nail varnish is not acceptable.