



SCHOOL UNIFORM

A Statement of Policy

Statement

Wolgarston High School expects all students to wear full school uniform, in the appropriate manner, when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aim

To support this policy's statement, it is the aim of the governing body to ensure that all items on the School Uniform List are practical, smart, affordable and designed with health and safety in mind.

It is the aim of all staff that students are correctly dressed at all times in school or whenever they are representing the school in the wider community.

Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that:

- school uniform enhances the appearance of our students and helps us create a purposeful atmosphere in school;
- school uniform assists us in our efforts to create a cohesive, corporate identity amongst our students, promoting a sense of pride and belonging to a positive, caring organisation;
- school uniform identifies students with the school to the wider community.

Definition

The School Uniform List (*see Appendix 1*) is reviewed annually and published annually to all parents/carers. It also appears for reference in the students' organisers and is published on the school's website.

Guidelines

- Considering changes to the school uniform should be done in consultation with staff, students and our parent community. The responsibility for the decision on change rests with the governing body.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school, except a wristwatch. The exception to this is for students with pierced ears, where one pair of stud-type earrings may be worn. These must be removed or covered for PE lessons. No facial or body piercings are permitted to be worn in school.
- Make-up, if worn, must be minimal and discreet; otherwise students will be asked to remove it.
- Extreme haircuts, styles or colours which could serve as a distraction to the teaching and learning of others are not permitted.
- Footwear is important for the development of healthy feet in growing young people. We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or without backs and we strongly recommend a flat, black leather shoe for everyday wear. Trainers are only permitted for sport, PE or leisure activities. If worn for walking to school, they must be removed on arrival and replaced with the correct uniform footwear.
- Outdoor coats may not be worn around school. Lockers are available for their storage for students who wish to rent one.

Procedures

- All staff in school are expected to uphold the school's policy on uniform.
- House tutors should carry out dress checks at registrations and regularly remind students of the uniform list available for reference in their organisers.
- Subject teachers should ensure students are correctly dressed on arrival and departure from their lessons.
- Parents/carers experiencing financial or other difficulty in providing the full and correct uniform for their child should contact the school's Family and Student Services Centre staff. They will deal with the matter discreetly and may be able to indicate sources of assistance.
- Students arriving at school without the correct uniform will be sent home to change. Where this is not practical, they will normally work in isolation for the day. In both cases, a letter will be sent home to parents/carers. (See Appendices 2 and 3.)
- Ties must be tied correctly with the school crest visible just below the knot.
- Boys' shirts must be buttoned to the neck and girls' shirts must have rever-collar to accommodate the scarf. All shirts must be tucked into waistbands, except PE kit shirts.
- Students who infringe the school's uniform policy will be dealt with according to the behaviour management policy and, therefore, may be required to serve detention; either at break or lunchtime or, for continuous infringement, after school.
- Unauthorised uniform items should not be worn in school. If they are, the student will be sent to their Head of House or a member of the school leadership team. The item will be retained in a place of safe keeping until such time as contact with parents/carers can be made to arrange to collect the item.

Commitment

- The school is committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable and the majority of basic uniform items are readily available from a wide variety of retail outlets. Where items are school-branded, the school will select suppliers based on their commitment to quality and value for money.
- Students who request not to wear school uniform based on religious, cultural or medical grounds will be dealt with sympathetically.
- Parents/carers who choose Wolgarston High School for their child are agreeing, in effect, to accept the policies of the school. We ask, therefore, for full support from parents in upholding this policy and ensuring that their child comes to school correctly dressed each day.

Responsibilities

Ultimate responsibility for this policy's introduction and implementation lies with the Head Teacher in consultation with the Governing Body. It is important to recognise that all staff, students and parents/carers have an active part to play in the evolution, development and maintenance of this policy.

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Signature of Headteacher: _____

Signature of Chair of Governors: _____

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All students are expected to come to school wearing the correct uniform at all times. Unless specified, uniform must also be worn for educational visits, regardless of the time of day. Students are also expected to wear uniform when returning to school for evening events, such as parents evenings, options evenings etc.

Students who come to school inappropriately dressed will be dealt with according to the school's Uniform Policy as set by the governing body.

The school's uniform policy and a uniform list are issued to all new students and are both published in full for reference on our website at www.wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk.

Uniform for Years 9 to 11

Boys

- Black blazer with school crest
- House Tie
- Plain white shirt, which must be worn tucked into waistband. The collar must be suitable to take a tie.
- Plain black, tailored long school trousers.

- Plain black belt (of the type designed to hold up trousers – not a fashion belt)
- Flat, plain black leather shoes (no trainers or any other 'fashion' footwear).

Girls

- Black blazer with school crest
- House Scarf
- Plain white, rever-collar shirt, which must be worn tucked into waistband.

- Plain black, tailored long school trousers. "City shorts", culottes, etc are not acceptable uniform.
- Plain black, knee length school skirt. Mini and split skirts are not acceptable uniform.
- Plain black belt (of the type designed to hold up trousers – not a fashion belt)
- Flat, plain black leather shoes (no pointed/high heels, trainers or any other 'fashion' footwear. Backless shoes or flip-flop styles may not be worn for health and safety reasons).

- An outdoor coat may be worn for the journey to and from school but must be removed on arrival and stored in either bags or lockers.
- Students will need a sturdy, dark coloured, holdall-type bag for carrying books, folders and equipment. Handbags or fashion bags are not suitable.

Dress Code for Sixth Form Students

The dress code for all Sixth Form students is office wear.

PE Kit for all Years

Boys

- Prostar (Dynamo Plus) Emerald and White Football Shirt*
- Bottle Green Polo T-Shirt*
- Plain Black Fleece*
- Plain Black Shorts
- Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms
- Plain Black Football Socks
- Trainers
- Football Boots
- Shin Pads
- Gum Shield
- Swim Shorts
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

Girls

- Bottle Green Polo T-Shirt*
- Plain Black Fleece*
- Plain Black Shorts
- Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms
- Plain Black Football Socks
- Trainers
- Football Boots
- Shin Pads
- Gum Shield
- One Piece Swimsuit
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

* Please note: items marked with an asterisk should be plain coloured, **without advertising logos** but, if desired, Wolgarston crested items may be purchased from our approved uniform suppliers.

Make up, Jewellery and Hair

Make up, if worn, should be minimal and discreet. For health and safety reasons, no form of facial or body piercings may be worn at school. If earrings are worn, there should be no more than one per ear and of the stud type. These must be removed for PE. No other jewellery may be worn except a wrist watch.

All hair longer than collar length must be tied back for health and safety reasons in the appropriate lessons, eg: Science, Design & Technology and PE.

Uniform Suppliers

In order to assist parents and students in complying with the school's uniform policy, we have identified the following recommended suppliers who we feel represent quality and value for money:

- ♦ Ron Flowers Sports, 28 Queen Street, Wolverhampton Tel: 01902 424607
- ♦ All Things Uniform, 14 Princes Street, Stafford Tel: 01785 213611

Parents are free to buy from other outlets, provided the items comply with those available from our recommended suppliers. The school reserves the right to reject non-specification items of uniform. For this reason, we recommend that school uniform suppliers are used, rather than fashion clothing outlets.

Blazer badges are available from the school office only.

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Appendix 2
“Sent Home” Letter Template

Dear _____

School Uniform Infringement by <<Student Name>>, <<House and Tutor Group>>

<<Name>> arrived at school this morning incorrectly dressed and, therefore, in accordance with our School Uniform policy, was sent home to change.

We would ask you to discuss <<Name's>> non-compliance with school uniform today and reinforce the school's expectation for correct dress at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and, should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact <<Name's>> House Tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Xxxxxxxxxx
Head of House

- ♦ *A copy of this letter will be given to the student to take home by hand for parent/carer.*
- ♦ *A second copy will be posted home the same day.*
- ♦ *Hard copy to student file.*
- ♦ *List of recipients e-mailed to Heads of Houses daily.*

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Appendix 3
“Work in Isolation” Letter Template

Dear _____

School Uniform Infringement by <<Student Name>>, <<House and Tutor Group>>

<<Name>> arrived at school this morning incorrectly dressed but was unable to return home to change. Therefore, in accordance with our School Uniform policy, <<Name>> was required to work in isolation for the day within our Managed Learning area.

We would ask you to discuss <<Name's>> non-compliance with school uniform today and reinforce the school's expectation for correct dress at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and, should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact <<Name's>> House Tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Xxxxxxxxxx
Head of <<Name of House>> House

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