



WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL



Staffordshire

School Uniform

A Statement of Policy

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Amendments

2019 - HLs

Uniform

Uniform Policy and Guidance

The purpose of our uniform guidance is to ensure that:

Parents/carers purchase the correct item of clothing for their son/daughter. Without accurate guidance, incorrect items may be bought and the need to replace the item leads to further unnecessary costs for a family.

Teaching staff are not distracted from their primary purpose of teaching. *(A significant irony occurs when a parent purchases the wrong item of uniform thus triggering a phone call from a member of staff which distracts them from teaching. Within that phone call the parent suggests to the member of staff that they should be more concerned with teaching than contacting them to change an item of the uniform!)*

Where definition or guidance is unclear, the school reserves the right to make a judgement on 'what is reasonable' within the values of promoting a positive image of both students and the school.

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. The School reserves the right to make a final decision on any item of clothing.

Aim

Students should be correctly dressed at all times in school or whenever they are representing the school in the wider community.

Objectives

- 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 is also published on the school's website. The School Uniform Report accompanies this guidance and is also published on the School website.

Guidelines

- Changes to the school uniform should be made in consultation with staff, students and our parent community. The responsibility for the decision on change rests with the Governing Body.

Procedures

- All staff in school uphold the school's policy on uniform.
- House tutors carry out dress checks at registrations and will make contact with parents/carers if the uniform is unsatisfactory.
- Subject teachers will ensure students are correctly dressed on arrival and departure from their lessons.
- Students may on occasion be unable to wear their full School uniform and they should report to a Head of House at the house leader office before 9.00am where they will be provided with the necessary items for that day or issued a uniform pass.
- Parents/carers experiencing financial or other difficulty in providing the full and correct uniform for their child should contact their child's Head of House. 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 challenged and if necessary sent home to change. Where this is not practical, they will normally work in isolation for the day.
- Students who infringe the school's uniform policy will be dealt with according to the behaviour management policy and will be required to serve detention either at break or lunchtime.
- Unauthorised 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. Unauthorised items are classed as 'hoodies' or sports jumpers and items of jewellery not included in our uniform list.

Commitment

- The school is committed to ensuring that uniform is practical, smart and 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 are required to wear non-school uniform based on religious, cultural or medical grounds should consult the School first.
- Parents/carers who choose Wolgarston High School for their child are agreeing to accept the policies of the school. We expect support from parents in upholding this policy and in ensuring that their child comes to school correctly dressed each day.

Responsibilities

Ultimate responsibility for this policy's introduction and implementation lies with the Headteacher 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.

To help parents/carers provide the correct trouser and shoe we have provided greater clarity in this year's "Uniform Guidance" document.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if temporarily I cannot send my son/daughter to school in the correct uniform?

Please inform your son/daughter's House Tutor in writing, either by a note in the planner or a letter. Please inform us how long it will take to resolve the problem.

In most cases we will issue a temporary uniform pass to cover a short term problem.

If we are not provided with a written reason for a uniform problem we will in conjunction with the school uniform policy send the student home to change or isolate the student until we meet with compliance.

My child informs me that everyone is wearing an incorrect uniform item, such as jean material trousers. What should I do?

Please do not believe your child; we carry out full uniform checks at the beginning of each half term to make sure that the uniform policy is being followed.

Is financial support available to provide a school uniform for my child. What should I do to seek this support?

Support is available for all students in receipt of free school meals, a letter will be sent to you shortly.

If your child is not currently in receipt of free school meals, please make immediate contact with Mrs J Ablewhite on 01785 788402 who will discuss ways in which we may be able to help you.

Wolgarston High School Uniform Policy - Appendix 1

School Uniform List for 2017/18

All students are expected to come to school wearing the correct uniform at all times. Unless specified, uniform must also be worn on 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 school website at www.wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk

Uniform for Years 9 to 11

<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
· Black blazer (black coloured lining) with school crest	· Black blazer (black coloured lining) with school crest.
· House tie	· House scarf to be worn with the school crested woggle fastened at the base of the sternum (breastbone).
· Plain white shirt with collar, which must be tucked into the waistband. The collar top button must fasten and be suitable to take a tie.	· Plain white, reverse collar blouse, to be buttoned up to no lower than the mid-point of the sternum (breastbone). In cold weather V neck white thermal wear is encouraged.
· Plain black, tailored long school trousers (not black jeans, black chinos, skinny trousers or drain pipe trousers, etc.)	· Plain black tailored long school trousers made from trouser material . The following items are not acceptable uniform and should not be worn: flared, "City shorts", culottes, leggings, jeggings, chinos, black jeans, stretchy material and ankle grazer trousers. · Skirts if worn should be knee length, trouser material , pencil skirt (not pleated, elasticated / stretchy material or tube skirts). Skirts must be worn with thick black tights.
· Plain black belt (of the type designed to hold up trousers—no fashion belt, no large buckles, no logos or designs)	· Plain black belt (of the type designed to hold up trousers—no fashion belt, no large buckles, no logos or designs)
· Plain black socks (no trainer socks)	· Plain black socks (no trainer socks) to be worn with trousers.
· Flat, smart plain black leather shoes or a material that can be polished (no trainers, no coloured trims, Converse pumps, exaggerated long tongues, walking boots or hiking boots). Shoes with any logos must be fully black . Please see links provided to help illustrate acceptable shoe styles.	· Flat, smart plain black leather shoes or a material that can be polished. The following shoes are not acceptable uniform: pointed shoes, high heels, wedged shoes, trainers, Converse pumps, shoes with coloured trims / soles or plimsolls. Backless shoes or flip-flop styles may not be worn for health and safety reasons. Shoes with any logos must be fully black .

- *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.*

Make up, Jewellery and Hair

Make up, if worn, should be discreet, minimal foundation and non-coloured lip balm. Students should not wear mascara, eyeliner, eye shadow, lipstick, coloured lip gloss, excessive blusher, false eyelashes, false nails and coloured nail varnish. 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 worn in the lower ear lobe and must be of a stud type – small gold or silver stud only. These must be removed for PE. Items to the value of no more than £10.00 may be deposited with PE staff for the duration of that lesson. No other jewellery may be worn except a wrist watch. Students wearing rings, bracelets and necklaces will have their items confiscated and stored in the School office for collection at the end of the day.

Extreme hairstyles such as shaved heads and/or shaved sides are not permitted. All hair longer than collar length must be tied back for health and safety reasons in the appropriate lessons, such as, Science, Design and Technology and PE. Hair bands should be plain black and functional with no accessories. All hair should be of a natural colour and not extreme colours. Parents should consult the School for further clarification before allowing hair to be coloured.

Outdoor coats may not be worn when students are inside the school. Lockers are available for their storage for students who wish to rent one. But these have very limited numbers. Please contact student reception to arrange this. No 'hoodies' or sports jumpers.

Uniform Supplier

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

- Crested School Wear, 1 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock Tel: 07527712347 or 01543 504866
- Crested School Wear, 5&6 St Marys Mews, Stafford Tel: 01785 748481

Badged blazers can also be purchased from the following website:

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/v-z/wolgarston-high-school/>

During July and August House ties, scarves, badges and woggles are available from school at a cost of:

House Tie	£5.00
House Scarf	£5.00
Badges for blazer	£3.00
Woggles	£1.00

Parents are free to buy from other outlets, provided the items comply with those available from our recommended supplier. 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.

Equipment for Lessons

Every student is expected to provide the following basic items of equipment for every lesson:

- Black pen
- Pencil eraser
- Calculator
- Ruler
- Pencil

Additional Guidance

If you are struggling to find school shoes that comply with the Wolgarston High School Uniform Policy please use the links below to provide illustrated examples of acceptable footwear and possible places where these items can be purchased:

<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
http://www.shoezone.com/Mens/Shoes/Easy-Fasten/Mens-Casual-Velcro-Strap-Shoe-In-Black-50263	http://www.shoezone.com/Womens/Shoes/School/Womens-Black-Lace-Up-Brogue-Shoe-10567
https://www.shoezone.com/Products/Beckett-Mens-Black-Punched-Detailing-Lace-Up-Shoe-53003	http://direct.asda.com/george/women/shoes/ruched-bow-flats/G005330576,default,pd.html#choice:colour
http://direct.asda.com/george/men/shoes/leather-lace-up-shoes/G005614512,default,pd.html#choice:colour	https://www.shoezone.com/Products/Lilley-Womens-Black-Lace-Up-Brogue-Shoe-10567
https://www.shoezone.com/Products/Beckett-Mens-Black-Lace-Up-Brogue-Shoe-53053	http://www.deichmann.com/GB/en/shop/home-girls/home-girls-shoes/home-girls-shoes-school/00009001381612/Low*Front*Lace*Up*Shoe.prod?imgFmt=&fromCategoryDetail=true&positionInList=4
http://www.deichmann.com/GB/en/shop/home-mens/home-mens-shoes/home-mens-shoes-formals/00009001377836/Lace*up*Formal*Shoes.prod?s=1&imgFmt=&=1497002977772&fromCategoryDetail=true&positionInList=28	http://www.deichmann.com/GB/en/shop/home-ladies/home-ladies-shoes/home-ladies-shoes-loafers/00009001490973/Loafers.prod?filter-color=3&imgFmt=&=1497002826346&fromCategoryDetail=true&positionInList=20

Additional guidance: Pictures of acceptable uniform



PE Kit for all Years

All Wolgarston PE kit is supplied by Fortis Sport. Their website is

<http://www.fortissport.co.uk/collections/wolgarston-high-school>

Core PE: (Compulsory)

Please note that if students are not able to practically participate in their PE lesson they must still bring their PE kit.

Girls	Boys
Wolgarston Burgundy PE Shirt	Wolgarston Burgundy PE Shirt
Plain Black Shorts or Plain Black Sports Leggings (Not tights)	Plain Black Shorts or Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms
Black Wolgarston Mid Layer Jumper (compulsory)	Black Wolgarston Mid Layer Jumper (compulsory)
Black Football Socks	Black Football Socks
Shin Pads	Shin Pads
Swimming Costume/ Towel	Plain Black Swimming Shorts/ Towel
Astro Turf trainers as these can be used on the 3G football pitch and in all other facilities.	
<i>*Please note that metal studs will not be permitted on the 3G pitch.</i>	

Optional Extras:

- Black Wolgarston Mid Layer Jumper
- Black Base Layer
- Please note students will only be permitted to wear Wolgarston jumpers -Hoodies or any other jumper will not be acceptable.



Core PE
Wolgarston
Burgundy PE
shirt



Core PE
(Optional Extra)
Wolgarston
Black Mid Layer
Jumper

Footwear for PE and 3G Pitch

Recommended



Artificial Turf Trainer

Permitted



Non Metallic Blade



Non Metallic Stud

Not Permitted



General Trainer



Metal Blade Football Boot



Metal Stud Football Boot