



**WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Staffordshire

# *School Uniform*

## A Statement of Policy

Author:

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15-16 years

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Annual

### Amendments

2018 – HLs

2020 - AG

**Uniform** – A particular set of clothes that must be worn by members of the same group.

## 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

The Wolgarston High School uniform is one of the outward signs by which the local community recognises and makes judgments about the students. It is important for students and the school that the way students present themselves is positive and acceptable and creates the impression of a disciplined and well-ordered establishment. It is expected that all students will come to Wolgarston High School every day in neat, clean uniform, giving a message that our students take pride in belonging to the school. The support of parents is vital in ensuring this is expected.

Members of staff are expected to support the uniform policy, both in a class setting and around the school. The uniform policy supports the ethos of Wolgarston High School by determining the boundaries of acceptable dress. The wearing of the Wolgarston High School uniform will support equal opportunities and it simplifies the day-to-day management of students.

## 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.

## *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 Panel.

## *Procedures*

- All staff in school uphold the school's policy on uniform.
- House tutors carry out dress checks at tutor time and will contact 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 the student reception before 8.55am where they will be provided with the necessary items for that day or issued a uniform pass with a sign off deadline.
- 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. If this is not possible, students will not be permitted to attend normal lessons.
- Unauthorised items should not be worn in school. If they are, the student will be sent to student reception where 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 would include '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 most 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 Panel. 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.

## *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, email 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 or we will lend the required item until necessary.

If we are not provided with a written reason for a uniform issue, we will in conjunction with the school uniform policy send the student home to change or withdraw the student from social time 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 on a regular basis 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.

If your child is not currently in receipt of free school meals, please make immediate contact with Mrs F Forrester on 01785 788400 who will discuss ways in which we may be able to help you.

# Wolgarston High School Uniform Policy - Appendix 1

## School Uniform List for 2020/21

All students are always expected to come to school wearing the correct uniform. 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](http://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 and sleeves rolled down.	Black blazer (black coloured lining) with school crest and sleeves rolled down.
House tie - The Tie must be of an appropriate length (waistline) and must display the school crest.	House tie - The Tie must be of an appropriate length (waistline) and must display the school crest.  OR  FOR YEAR 10/11 ONLY  House scarf to be worn with the school crested woggle fastened at the top button of the reverse collar blouse (10/11 only)
Plain white shirt with collar, either short or long sleeved, which must always be tucked into the waistband. The collar top button must fasten and be suitable to take a tie.	Plain white shirt with collar, either short or long sleeved, which must always be tucked into the waistband. The collar top button must fasten and be suitable to take a tie.  OR  FOR YEAR 10/11 ONLY  Plain white, reverse collar blouse, either short or long sleeved which must be tucked into the waistband. To be worn with House scarf. (Y10/11 only)
Plain black, tailored long school trousers. Jeans are not permitted.	Plain black tailored long school trousers. Leggings or jeans are not permitted.  Skirts if worn should be plain black and tailored to knee length, suit material not elastane. No jersey skirts (e.g. tube skirt) are permitted and skirts <b>must not</b> be rolled up.
Plain black discreet belt (no large or fashion buckles are permitted)	Plain black discreet belt (no large or fashion buckles are permitted)

Plain black socks (no trainer socks, socks must reach the hem of the trousers and skin should not be seen)	Plain black socks (no trainer socks, socks must reach the hem of the trousers and skin should not be seen)  Thick black tights to be worn with skirts.
Sensible, plain, black leather or PVC leather school shoes with sensible heels (height 3cm). They must be plain black shoes and if they have laces, they must be black.  NO fabric, canvas, trainers, converse, sports shoes, pumps, sandals, creepers, mules or boots may be worn.  Please see the picture document for more guidance on school shoes	Sensible, plain, black leather or PVC leather school shoes with sensible heels (height 3cm). They must be plain black shoes and if they have laces, they must be black.  NO fabric, canvas, trainers, converse, sports shoes, pumps, sandals, creepers, wedges, dance slippers, sling backs, mules or boots may be worn.  Please see the picture document for more guidance on school shoes
Plain coats are recommended but not compulsory. Coats to worn over the uniform to and from school. No inappropriate logos will be permitted.	Plain coats are recommended but not compulsory. Coats to worn over the uniform to and from school. No inappropriate logos will be permitted

- Outdoor coats may be worn for the journey to and from school but must be removed when students are seated inside the school hall, canteen and classrooms. Lockers are available for storage if students wish to rent one, but these have very limited numbers. Please contact student reception to arrange this. No 'hoodies' or sports jumpers are permitted.
- Students will need a sturdy bag for carrying books, folders and equipment including a pencil case
- If for religious or cultural reasons a pupil must wear a head covering, then this must be black in colour to match the Wolgarston High School uniform.

## ***Make up, jewellery, hair & nails***

**Make up, if worn, should be discreet (close to a natural appearance).** This means that there should be no blusher or bronzer applied, no thickly coated eyelashes or false eyelashes, no eye shadow, or heavily pencilled in eyebrows. Excessive make-up will need to be removed.

For health and safety reasons nails short be short in length, and if painted should be a natural or pastel colour. No form of facial or body piercings may be worn at school. If earrings are worn, they must be of a stud type and a maximum of two studs per ear, (bars or hoops are not permitted). A ring or necklace may be worn for sentimental reasons although Wolgarston High School will not take any responsibility for any items of jewellery brought into School. All jewellery must be removed for P.E. but remains the responsibility of the child.

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 accessories if worn to tie back the hair must be black in colour. All hair should be of a natural tone and no extreme colours are permitted.

If, for religious or cultural reasons a pupil has to wear a head covering then this must be black in colour to match the Wolgarston High School uniform.

## *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
Badge for blazer	£3.00
Woggle	£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:

- A school Bag
- Pencil Case
- Black pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator

Students may also find it useful to have their own spares of the above as well as highlighters and a glue stick, although these are not essential items.

## PE Kit for all Years

All Wolgarston PE kit is also supplied by Crested School Wear.

### 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) Black Wolgarston Mid Layer Jumper (not compulsory)	Plain Black Shorts or Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms Black Wolgarston Mid Layer Jumper (not compulsory)
Black Football Socks	Black Football Socks
Shin Pads	Shin Pads
Swimming Costume/ Towel	Swimming Shorts to fall above the knee/ Towel
<b>Astro Turf trainers as these can be used on the 3G football pitch and in all other facilities.</b> <i>*Please note that metal studs will <u>not</u> 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 jumpers will not be permitted.





**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**