



THE DEANERY

Church of England High School and Sixth Form College

UNIFORM POLICY

The Deanery Church of England High School

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The full support of parents is expected with regard to their children wearing the correct uniform. If in doubt, do not buy; please check with the school first. The school will make a final decision on any item considered unsuitable.

1 Rationale

The Deanery Church of England High School believes in high standards and the highest expectations. It has a strict uniform policy, ensuring that pupils are fully focused on learning as opposed to fashion. The school is a place of work and pupils are expected to take pride in their appearance. The school uniform provides pupils with many positive advantages, because uniform:

- Diminishes the social exclusion of pupils based on what they are wearing
- Means pupils do not have to compete with their peers for the latest trends in clothes
- Is most cost effective to parents in the long run
- Encourages pride in personal appearance and being part of the school community
- Promotes safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Makes pupils ambassadors for the school in the local community
- Supports discipline and good behaviour

2 Sanctions

The uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Every opportunity will be given for pupils to conform and rectify any identified issues with support from school. All pupils are expected to wear the full school uniform from the moment they leave their home in the morning until they arrive home in the afternoon. Pupils are representing the school at all times and should be proud to be part of the school community. Any pupil bringing the school into disrepute by not adhering to the uniform policy will receive sanctions.

School uniform will be checked by staff as pupils enter school in the morning, in all lessons and as pupils leave the school buildings.

- If students are not in full uniform, they will not be able to attend lessons or spend break or lunchtimes in general circulation. Pupils will be offered school-issued uniform to wear, including shoes
- All items of uniform should be clearly marked or labelled
- Students wearing make-up, false eyelashes, jewellery or nail varnish will be expected to remove them - any student not complying with this request will be subject to school sanctions

3 Detailed guidance

School uniform lists can sometimes seem over detailed and over particular. **We do not wish parents to spend money on items that are not allowed.** It should be noted that not all items under 'school uniform' in some stores fulfil these uniform requirements.

Please note: Our uniform suppliers are governed by The Schoolwear Association. The Schoolwear Association is committed to ensuring a long-term, robust and competitive market for the supply of schoolwear exists and that parents, pupils and schools all get a fair deal. As such, our **only** official suppliers are:

- Slater's Schoolwear, Wigan
- Impressions, Standish
- AC Sports, Pemberton

	Compulsory	Not allowed
Blazer	✓ Deanery blazer (Years 7-10) ✓ Only official badges awarded in school, a plain cross or Christian fish symbol may be worn on lapels ✓ Blazers must be worn at all times, unless permission has been given by a member of staff for it to be taken off	✗ Pushed up sleeves ✗ Any garment other than school jumper and shirt underneath or over the top e.g. hoodies
Jumper	✓ Grey Deanery jumper (Y7-10) - optional ✓ Blue Deanery jumper (Y11) – compulsory Year 11 jumpers must be worn at all times, unless permission has been given by a member of staff for it to be taken off	✗ Sweatshirt ✗ Non-regulation jumper ✗ Fleece ✗ Tracksuit ✗ Hooded top ✗ Cardigan
Trousers	✓ Plain black, smart ✓ Tailored, straight leg ✓ Full length ✓ Any belts should be black with discreet buckles	✗ Fashion trousers (denim, cargo, other materials, hipsters, flares, wide bottoms, bootlegs, skinny trousers, lycra, any other fashion trousers) ✗ Studs, visible buttons ✗ Shorts ✗ Leggings
Skirts	✓ Deanery knee-length skirt (when buying please choose the correct length, with room for growth over the year) *If girls persistently refuse to wear a skirt of the correct length or routinely roll their skirt up, they will be directed to wear trousers	✗ Rolled up skirts ✗ Skirts that are too short
Shirts	✓ Plain white school shirt ✓ Tucked in and buttoned at the neck (<i>when choosing size, please allow for growth over the school year</i>)	✗ Casual/fashion shirt ✗ Open top button ✗ Sports/hooded tops or brightly coloured garments under shirts ✗ Shirts worn outside trousers ✗ Revere neck shirts
Tie	✓ Deanery clip-on tie or standard tie – the correct colour for each year group. September 2025: ❖ Y7 Red ❖ Y8 Green ❖ Y9 Silver ❖ Y10 Purple ❖ Y11 Gold	
Shoes	✓ Traditional black, flat school shoes ✓ Laces, soles and stitching must be black ✓ Black shoes must be worn on the way to and from school	✗ Sports shoes or sports trainers e.g. Converse, Nike, Adidas ✗ Heeled shoes ✗ Visible coloured soles ✗ Coloured laces ✗ Trainers ✗ Canvas shoes ✗ Students will not be allowed to attend lessons if the correct shoes are not worn ✗ Boots ✗ Thick soled shoes ✗ See examples below

Socks/ tights	✓ Plain grey, navy blue or black socks (girls' socks must be knee-length) ✓ Plain black, thick tights	✗ Coloured or patterned socks or tights ✗ Ankle socks ✗ White socks ✗ Socks with frills
Hair	✓ Neat and tidy ✓ Natural colour ✓ If hair is long, it is essential that it is tied back for reasons of health and safety in some practical lessons (PE, Food, Tech, Science and Art) ✓ Hair accessories must be black or navy blue and discreet ✓ Hair must not cover the face	✗ Extremes of style (school reserves the right to decide what is extreme, but invites students and parents to ask in advance if they need guidance) ✗ Tram lines, asymmetric styles or other shaved styles ✗ Unnatural colour and two-tone colour ✗ Hair extensions ✗ 'Barcodes' in eyebrows or shaved eyebrows ✗ Large bows in hair ✗ Facial hair e.g. long sideburns, beards or moustaches
Make-up		✗ Make up of any kind ✗ Nail varnish ✗ Lipstick, lip tint, lip gel ✗ Artificial nails and nail extensions ✗ False eyelashes ✗ Eye lash lifts ✗ Tinted eyebrows ✗ Fake tan ✗ Tattoos of any kind (including henna) ✗ Nail gel
Jewellery	✓ One wristwatch ✓ Chain with a cross, worn under shirt	✗ Any jewellery other than one wristwatch ✗ Smartwatches (for reasons of security, safeguarding and risk of theft) ✗ Any facial or body piercing (pupils will be instructed to remove piercings) ✗ Clear, plastic earrings/inserts, nose rings
PE Kit	<u>Boys:</u> Compulsory: ✓ Deanery T-shirt and Rugby shirt ✓ Deanery shorts ✓ Deanery tracksuit bottoms ✓ Navy football socks or white socks ✓ Sports trainers ✓ Deanery hoodie or Deanery ¾ zip-top <u>Girls:</u> Compulsory: ✓ Deanery T-shirt ✓ Deanery leggings OR Deanery tracksuit bottoms ✓ White or black socks ✓ Sports trainers ✓ Deanery shorts ✓ Deanery hoodie or Deanery ¾ zip top	✗ Clothing with logos ✗ Cargo / canvas pants ✗ Hooded tops (other than Deanery hoodie) ✗ Any alternative outer layers e.g. coats, for PE lessons ✗ Canvas trainers e.g. Converse ✗ No cycling shorts or hot pants

Pupils must wear their PE uniform on PE days. Pupils may not wear any other type of sports clothing. Pupils do NOT get changed at school for PE; they attend school in their PE uniform. If girls persistently refuse to wear shorts of the correct length, they will be directed to wear leggings instead.		
Bags	All pupils are required to bring a bag every day. Locker facilities are not provided so a good-sized bag is required for carrying books, equipment and outside coats. Fashion bags, carrier bags and drawstring kit bags are not suitable.	
Outer clothing	✓ Sensible plain, dark (navy blue, black or dark grey) outside coats are acceptable ✓ Logos must be discreet ✓ Only black, blue or grey scarves may be worn	✗ Hoodies, tracksuit tops, patterns or stripes are not acceptable ✗ Coats are not to be worn in lessons ✗ Baseball caps are not acceptable ✗ Hats and scarves must not be worn in the school buildings or in lessons ✗ Hoods must not be worn up in the school buildings or in lessons ✗ Items of clothing that obscure the face or parts of the face are not allowed

4 Other requirements

Aprons for Food and Technology subjects can be purchased from our three official school uniform suppliers.

The school values and recognises the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its students and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress requirements.

5 Items requiring written permission from the Headteacher

- Jewish pupils – Kippah (blue or black)
- Muslim pupils – Head scarf (blue or black)
- Sikh pupils – Turban (blue or black)

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