



Uniform Code

At Polesworth we pride ourselves on the high standards of dress of our students. However, we also know that uniform does not remain at a high standard by chance and students often need reminders of our expectations in order to continue to meet them. While we have a detailed document on our website which illustrates with photographs exactly what is and what is not acceptable in terms of styles of shoes, trousers and skirts, we are aware that this is sometimes forgotten and this document provides a helpful reminder of our uniform code which is as follows:

1. Burgundy school blazer, with school badge.
2. Plain black skirt or trousers (not black jeans, skin-tight trousers, hipsters, cords or combat trousers). Please note that skirts should be of an appropriate length of not more than 5cm above the knee and should not be skin tight.
3. Plain white blouse or shirt. Coloured T-shirts should not be visible underneath them.
4. Clip on House tie. NB The clip must be attached; ties with clips removed must be replaced.
5. Plain knit black v-necked pullover with school badge. This is optional. Cardigans are not permitted.
6. An outdoor coat or jacket (not a sweatshirt, hoodie or track suit top. Any jacket must have full length opening).
7. Plain black shoes - not boots or trainers. Boots may be worn **only** if the weather is particularly bad and on these occasions trousers must not be tucked into the boots.
8. Shoes must be of a smart, safe and sensible design_- not canvas plimsolls, black trainers or shoes with writing on them such as Nike ticks in white.
9. Jewellery should be minimal. Only **ONE** pair of **small stud earrings** is allowed. Rings should be limited to one ring on each hand. Bangles are not permitted.
10. Nose studs and other facial piercings are **NOT** permitted and no other visible body piercings are allowed.
11. There should be no visible body art.
12. Fashion belts/brightly coloured belts are not permitted.
13. We do not allow extremes of hairstyle, hair colour or hair accessories. Hair should not be closely shaved or multi coloured. Only natural hair colours are permitted.
14. Make up must not be extreme.

We are very aware of how expensive uniform can be. We are also all too aware that sometimes supermarkets and high street stores have clothing in their uniform sections which do not meet our dress code. If you are at all in doubt, please check with your child's Head of House first before making purchases, to ensure that the uniform is acceptable. You could also purchase approved items from our suppliers online at www.yourschoolwear.co.uk, when ordering items with school logos on them, although this is not a requirement.

As always, we cannot maintain such a high standard for our students without the help of parents and we are very grateful for your ongoing support in ensuring our students come to school every day looking smart and ready to learn.

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