

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The Governing Body believes that our uniform is essential to the ethos of our school community as it establishes a clear sense of identity, fosters a sense of inclusive belonging, and engenders both positive behaviour and self-discipline, which in turn supports teaching and learning. In determining our uniform and any changes that might follow, the Governing Body will seek the views of:

- The Headmaster
- Parents
- Staff
- Pupils.

(These views have been considered and taken into account. A consultation will be arranged if there are any significant changes to the School's Uniform Policy)

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM/APPEARANCE CODE IS AS FOLLOWS: GIRLS UNIFORM YEARS 7 - 11

OUTDOOR ___ Overcoat- totally plain, navy blue or black preferably waterproof.
Coats must be at least three-quarter length and longer than the jacket.
(No suede, fur or leather).

Scarf - Trinity School Scarf (for Years 7 – 9), Year 10 & 11 may wear plain navy blue/black scarves

Gloves - navy blue or black

Shoes - plain black school-type shoes, low heeled not more than 5cm at highest point, no ballet pump style shoes, no plimsolls or "Kicker" boots, no patent leather.

INDOOR Skirt - school suppliers - regulation box pleat skirt (Yr 7 – 9), knee-length, to just cover knees no longer, no shorter.

Blouse/shirt - school suppliers - regulation blue long-sleeved button up shirt (Year 7 – 9), white blouse/shirt (Year 10 & 11), must be tucked in skirts.

Tie - Trinity School Tie from school suppliers.

Pullover- V-neck, plain dark navy blue NO MOTIF.

Socks - navy blue knee length socks/tights. No popsocks please (Year 7 – 9), plain navy blue/black tights (Year 10 & 11).

Blazer - Regulation dark navy blue with Trinity School badge.

P.E. Navy blue polo shirt shirt (School suppliers only) Blouse

Navy shorts (School suppliers only)

White socks

Predominately white trainers

Black dance T-shirt (School suppliers only)

Black leggings

Hockey socks (School suppliers only)

Navy skort (School suppliers only) optional

Navy fleece top (School suppliers only) optional

Navy tracksuit bottoms (School suppliers only) optional

Navy thermal leggings and top (School suppliers only) optional

Science and Practical Subjects - overall coat - blue. This protective clothing MUST comply with British Standards Safety regulations. There is an apron required for Food Technology which can be purchased from the HE department.

Bags - we have a standard school bag which Year 7 - 9 parents must purchase through our School Outfitters.

Hair styles should be simple and suitable for age of girl. Shoulder length hair must be tied back, hair ribbons or slides, if worn, must be black or navy blue. No bleached or tinted hair is allowed. Makeup may also not be worn by any pupils in Years 7 – 11. Please note that makeup/makeup bags will be confiscated and returned to parents. No fake tan in any years.

Ear-rings:- only a single ear stud may be worn in each ear, in the lower ear lobe. (Sleepers, or earrings, are not allowed.)

BOYS UNIFORM YEARS 7 - 11

OUTDOOR Overcoat - totally plain, navy blue or black preferably waterproof. Coat must be at least three-quarter length and longer than the jacket. No suede or fur or leather is allowed.
Scarf - Trinity School Scarf (for Years 7 -9)
navy blue/black scarves may be worn in Years 10 & 11.
Shoes - plain black school-type shoes, low heeled, no trainer like shoes or “Kicker” boots, no coloured laces.

INDOOR Blazer - Regulation dark navy blue with Trinity School Badge
Shirt - PLAIN white, regulation shirt must be tucked into trousers.
Tie - Trinity School Tie from school suppliers.
Socks - PLAIN grey, navy blue or black socks.
Trousers - PLAIN CHARCOAL GREY school type, no ‘fashion’ trousers, no jean type.
Pullover - PLAIN navy blue, v-neck NO MOTIF.

P.E. Navy blue polo shirt (School suppliers only)
Navy shorts (School suppliers only)
Football socks (School suppliers only)
Rugby shirt (School suppliers only)
White socks
Predominately white trainers
Football boots, rubber studs

Navy tracksuit bottoms (School suppliers) optional
Navy thermal leggings and top (School suppliers) optional

Science and Practical Subjects - overall coat - blue. This protective clothing MUST comply with British Standards Safety regulations. There is an apron required for Food Technology, which can be purchased from the HE department.

Bags - we have a standard school bag which Year 7 -9 parents must purchase through our School Outfitters. Neither plastic or string bags are allowed.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy, with no extremes of fashion. Hair must be worn above the collar, shaved heads are not allowed, and neither is dyed or tinted hair.

Under no circumstances are boys to wear ear-rings.

OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO BOYS AND GIRLS UNIFORM YEARS 7 - 11

Please note:- our School uniform/appearance code is also inclusive of hairstyles. With regard to this, we are concerned with promoting a general appearance amongst the student body that is conducive to the aims and objectives of our School. We are aware that extremes of style can often have connotations with groups beyond School, whose attitudes and opinions can have an adverse impact on the ethos of School life. We are also concerned with ensuring that personal appearances do not become one of competition between pupils, which can become a source of unwanted peer pressure to both the pupils themselves, and their parents. Young people of School age are often insecure about their personal appearance, and are therefore more likely to be swayed to conform with the appearance of groups to whom they aspire to be associated. In addition our regulations relating to hair styles are also concerned with promoting safety, which can be compromised in physically active, and practical learning situations.

Our School does not allow students to wear jewellery, as this can compromise safety in physically active lessons, and can result in a pupil being more vulnerable to acts of bullying, and/or street robbery by other young people. Pupils can often misplace/lose items of jewellery, and trying to recover property can be very disruptive to the efficient and effective running of our School.

SIXTH FORM CODE OF DRESS

LADIES

Black skirt – skirts to be for practical school use i.e. covering the knee.

Black jumper – V-neck or crew neck

Plain white blouse with collar

Black, low heel, below ankle height shoes. No boots. No mules.

Tights – grey, navy, black, tan

Outdoor coat (optional) – dark, practical and suitable for School use, not demin, suede or fur and no logos.

Small earrings only allowed, eyebrow/nose/other face studs are not allowed.

GENTLEMEN

Dark jacket/blazer or plain dark suit.

Dark trousers.

Shirt and tie

Dark v-necked jumper (optional under jacket)

Dark shoes

Outdoor coats – dark, practical and suitable for school use, not demin, suede or fur and no logos.

Only small plain, stud-type earrings are allowed, eyebrow/nose/other face studs are not allowed.

All other decisions regarding the suitability of students' dress (or other aspects of appearance, for example jewellery, hairstyle, make up and so on) may be made at the discretion of the Headmaster or the Director of Sixth Form.

Religious Dress and Symbols

Trinity Catholic High School is a Catholic school, and therefore the expression of affiliation to faith groups within our School community is permitted e.g. Tauist crosses. For expression of religious beliefs beyond this, individual applications must be made for due consideration.

Responsibilities

It is the Headmaster's responsibility to ensure that the Governing Body's policy is implemented and maintained. The Headmaster will also determine any questions of compliance with the code.

The Headmaster may delegate particular responsibilities concerning School uniform to members of staff. The Headmaster will determine which staff may impose sanctions for non-compliance with School uniform.

It is the duty of all staff to uphold the uniform standard and to report any non-compliance to the Headmaster, via Year Leaders, and Directors of Site.

Sanctions

The following sanctions may be applied for non-compliance with School uniform. Please note:- our Uniform/Appearance Policy is always clearly communicated to pupils/students, as a result any deliberate breach of regulations will result in formal sanctions which are as follows:-

- First offence – detention either lunchtime or evening, depending upon the degree of non-compliance.
- For subsequent offences a range of sanctions may be imposed which will include: – contact with parents as appropriate, inclusion in our School Hermitage Unit for persistence disobedience, and ultimately the sanction of exclusion, for persistent and deliberate non-compliance.

Complaints

The School's Complaints Policy will be followed. A copy can be obtained from the Clerk to the Governing Body at the School.

Any complaints about School uniform must be made in the first instance to the Headmaster. If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved the complaint should be brought to the attention of the Governing Body through the Clerk to the Governing Body. The Governing Body's decision will be final.

Monitoring and Review

The Headmaster will report to the Governing Body at least once per year on the functioning and effectiveness of the policy.