Wallington High School for Girls

Uniform Policy

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1. Principles and Scope

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the unique ethos of Wallington High School for Girls. We believe our uniform:

- instils pride;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- encourages identity with, and support for, the School's ethos;
- ensures that students of all races and backgrounds feel welcome;
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of students;
- enhances participation and enjoyment of sport when students feel comfortable in their PE clothing;
- supports effective teaching and learning.

The uniform policy aims to be fair, reasonable and affordable. The School has consulted widely in formulating the uniform requirements (including with students, parents/carers and minority groups).

High priority is given to cost considerations. Wherever possible the School has ensured that the uniform can be purchased from high street shops, other retail outlets and internet suppliers. However, where it has been determined that branded or unique items are required from the School's outfitters (Stevensons), the School makes regular price, quality, durability and service comparisons with different stockists and considers important issues such as cost and availability of non-standard sizes. This is in line with the School's best value statement. Support is provided to parents/carers via:

- the school for students in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium
- a successful low cost second-hand uniform scheme run by the Parents' Association.
- an effective system to re-unite named lost property with its owner.

The School does not operate as a uniform supplier and gains no financial benefit through the operation of this policy. The uniform requirements and cost of supplying the uniform are regularly reviewed by the Local Governing Body. Any future changes to the uniform requirements would include a transitional period for phasing out the old and introducing the new.

2. Implementation of the policy

The School ensures that the policy is clear and well publicised via the School's website, the School's rules and admissions information for the main school and sixth and in the Home-School Agreement.

The School will carefully consider any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual student to accommodate their religion or beliefs or medical conditions.

Where a student is not adhering to the uniform requirements, the School will discreetly try to establish why not. The Headteacher, or a person authorised by the Headteacher, may ask a student with no good reason to go home to remedy the breach. In all such cases parents/carers will be notified and the absence will be recorded. If a student repeatedly infringes the School's rules on uniform, this will constitute a disciplinary offence and may be grounds for exclusion.

3. Uniform Protocols

a. Uniform Requirements – Main School (Years 7-11)

Students must wear full school uniform at all times except where otherwise directed by a member of staff. The general appearance of students should conform to a reasonable norm which, if necessary, shall be determined by the Headteacher It is important that each student should project an image that would bring credit to themselves and the School.

<u>All items should be clearly labelled</u>.

Item	Compulsory	Optional	Any Retailer	Stevensons	Notes
School Blazer Navy with embroidered badge	✓			✓	I. The School has researched different blazers so that the item offered by Stevensons is of high quality and durable II. Apart from during PE lessons, or with a teacher's permission, the blazer must be worn at all times III. A house badge must be sewn onto their blazer pocket (issued on Induction day) IV. One non-school pin badge allowed V. Sleeves should not be rolled up
Skirt Navy / green / blue tartan ***And/Or*** **Trousers** Navy / green / blue tartan	✓			✓	I. Skirt should be worn on or below the knee II. Trousers should be ankle length
Blouse Plain blue with revere collar	✓			✓	I. Long-sleeved (Trutex D.554) or short-sleeved (Trutex D.754). II. The blouse should be tucked in at all times and should not be buttoned to the neck
Socks Plain white, black or navy ankle, knee-high or over-knee socks ***Or*** **Tights** Navy, black or skin-coloured tights – plain knit	✓		✓		I. No socks to be worn over tights II. No leggings

Item	Compulsory	Optional	Any Retailer	Stevensons	Notes
V-Necked Jumper Green with navy-blue trim		✓		✓	
Shoes Plain black or navy	✓		✓		I. Leather (or synthetic leather) with flat heels and no decoration or brand label. They must not be above the ankle bone and they should not be in the style of trainers or plimsolls. For safety reasons, canvas shoes, mules, platforms, fabric, sling-back and open toed shoes are not permitted.
Coat Smart, plain coloured	✓		✓		II. No denim or leather
Headscarf or Hijab Lightweight (for religious reasons) - plain black or navy-blue		✓	✓		I. Fastened with safety pins only
Overall Green and long-sleeved for Art		✓		✓	
Apron Navy pinafore style for Food Technology		✓		✓	
Sports Games Top With school logo	✓			✓	
Sports Skorts Black Or **Sports Shorts Black**	✓			✓	I. It is compulsory to wear either a pair of sports skorts or a pair of shorts, however parents may choose to purchase both
Sports Mid Layer Black With school logo	✓			✓	
Sports Tapered Track Pants	✓			✓	
Sports Rain Jacket With school logo		✓		✓	
Sports Socks 2 pairs	✓		✓		
Sports Leggings **Black**		✓	✓		
Football Socks Purple	✓		✓		
Trainers With non-marking soles	✓		✓		
Football Boots Black	✓		✓		
PE Bag Black	✓		✓		.

Other information:

Item	Notes
School Bag	We recommend that students have a rucksack for carrying books and equipment.
Lanyards	The correct coloured lanyard must be worn at all times.
Jewellery	A watch and one small pair of plain gold or silver circular ear studs in the lobe of the ear are the only jewellery allowed. Students must not have more than one earring in each ear. Other body jewellery, including any form of facial, helix or body piercing are not permitted. We recognise the diversity of our community; discrete, visible religious symbols will be individually considered on request by the parent / carer, in writing to the Headteacher. If a student is seen to be wearing prohibited jewellery, the jewellery will be confiscated immediately and given to Reception.
Hair	Hair should be a natural colour and an appropriate style for school. Long hair must be tied up in practical lessons. Hair accessories should be in school colours and plain – no flowers, bows, etc. At WHSG, we follow the Halo Code which means we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed. For more information regarding the Halo Code please see their website: https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-code-school/
Item	**Notes**
Make-up	Make-up, nail varnish, gel nails or false nails should not be worn. Students will be asked to remove make-up and / or nail varnish using hypo-allergenic make-up removal wipes.
CCF Hooded Tops	Hooded tops may be worn to and from school by members of the CCF when in uniform.

b. Sixth Form Dress Code

All students at Wallington Girls are expected to exemplify the highest standards. The way we present ourselves each day sets the tone of a working environment and is a sign of our intention to work hard and be the best we can be.

As role models and leaders of our school community, all sixth form students are expected to dress and act in a smart and confident manner, which promote the same standards and expectations as the lower school.

The dress code below has been drawn up to allow students to dress in clothes which they find comfortable and which show their individuality, in keeping with the above principles.

Dress code

• A tailored jacket or blazer, plain in design, must be worn at all times

• A smart skirt (no more than 2 inches above the knee), business like dress or tailored, smart trousers, all of which must be plain in design. Where trousers are worn, these should be at least ankle-length and not skinny fit. Denim or leggings are not permitted.

• A smart blouse or top. These should be free from logo or slogan, and cover the shoulders and midriff completely.

• If a jumper is worn, this must be smart, fine-knit, plain and worn under the blazer.

• Shoes must be smart and of a dark colour, closed in (both toe and heel) and appropriate for school. Lace-up boots are not appropriate for school (this includes Dr Martens boots).

• If worn, tights should be dark or natural coloured and plain in pattern.

• Hair should be of a natural colour and make up and jewellery should be appropriate for school. The only facial piercing that is permitted is one discrete stud nose piercing on the side if the nose above the nostril. Nose rings or septum piercings are not allowed. Up to two small piercings in each ear are permitted. Spacers are not allowed.

• Lanyards must be worn at all times and should be school-issued only.

• Coats should be in lockers during the school day and must not be made from leather or denim.

• Where an item of religious clothing is worn, this should be plain in design, and in the case of an abaya should still be worn under a tailored jacket or blazer.

The final decision as to the appropriateness of a student's appearance rests with the Director of Sixth Form.

4. **Roles and Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of all WHSG staff to monitor that the Uniform policy is being adherred to and to raise the issue with relevant students and staff where it is felt that the policy is not being followed.

It is the responsibility of the Assistant Headteachers for Pastoral and Student support along with Director of Sixth Form to develop, monitor and maintain this policy and that any changes are notified to all the relevant parties.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

This policy will be monitored by Senior Leadership Group and Heads of Year.

The Senior Leadership Team will carefully consider any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual student to accommodate their religion or beliefs or medical conditions.

The Local Governing Body will review the policy every 3 years and will access it's effectiveness and whether any changes are necessary.

Any change will be notified to the staff and parents/carers.