

UNIFORM POLICY 2017/18

1 Introduction

- 1.1** The aim of this policy is to ensure that all students in school and on placements project a professional image. The School demands a high standard of appearance and dress, and all students are required to wear the School uniform. The School provides a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the School website.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the student with the school;
 - prevents students from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
 - makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Uniform

3.1 Year 10 and Year 11 Uniform

3.1.1 Year 10 and Year 11 Girls' and Boys' Uniform

- White shirt with collar.
- School House tie (to be allocated).
- Grey blazer.
- KitLocker Nike Blue jumper.
- School lapel pin badge – to be worn on left lapel. (to be allocated)
- Grey suit trousers. Styles made from tight figure hugging material are not acceptable, including combats, leggings or jeans.

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- *Girls only: Grey skirt in conventional style only. Length no more than 7 cm/3 in above or below the knee.*
- Black or brown leather/faux leather shoes (no canvas, sandals, deck shoes or trainers).

3.1.2 Year 10 and Year 11 PE kit

- All kit is purchased from the KitLocker website. This gives an extensive list of kit that can be bought for use in school.
- <https://www.kitlocker.com/plymouthstudioschool/>

3.2 6th form Uniform

3.2.1 6th form Girls' and Boys' Uniform

- All kit is purchased from the KitLocker website. This gives an extensive list of kit that can be bought for use in school.
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 - black or blue jeans (smart, no rips), chinos, a skirt or plain leggings.
 - Shoes must be appropriate for smart casual dress. No sandals or stilettos.

3.2.2 6th form PE kit (for students taking A Level PE or BTEC Sport only)

- All kit is purchased from the KitLocker website. This gives an extensive list of kit that can be bought for use in school.
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4 Jewellery

4.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. The maximum amount of jewellery allowed is 2 pairs of stud earrings, a watch and a small, discrete chain. Students wearing any jewellery other than this will be asked to removed it and collect it at the end of the day.

4.2 We ask the pupils to remove ALL jewellery during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

4.3 Students are reminded that the School operates a zero tolerance policy on facial piercings, for health and safety reasons. This includes tongue piercings.

4.4 Other exposed piercings, such as wrists, back of neck etc. are also not permitted.

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5 Appearance.

- 5.1** Students are expected to present a professional appearance at all times. This includes correct wearing of uniform and appropriate accessories.
- 5.2** The school does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to other pupils. This includes extreme haircuts and unnatural colourings.
- 5.3** Extreme use of cosmetics is not allowed. This includes extensive use of make-up, the application of false nails, nail varnish or unnatural hair extensions.
- 5.4** The school reserves the right to ask pupils to remove any accessories they feel do not fit with the professional image. Any items removed may be kept by staff during the school day and collected by students at the end.
- 5.5** Non-compliance with any of the Uniform policy may result in a fixed term exclusion until such time that they can present at school in the correct manner.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** We ask all parents who send their pupils to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the Principal Designate in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Principal Designate to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
 - considering, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.