



Uniform Policy

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Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. Students should be in the correct uniform and ready to learn. It is their responsibility to ensure they are meeting the high standards set out below. The policy applies to the school premises, the school day, while travelling to and from school, journeys in school time or any school related activity, work experience, day and residential trip when uniform is to be worn.

Years 7 to 11

Regulation items of uniform can be purchased from PL School Wear, 56 Edison Rd, Aylesbury HP19 8TE. 01296 488000. www.the-print-lab.co.uk

Uniform

- **Regulation** maroon John Colet blazer to be worn at all times
- **Regulation** clip-on school tie
- Plain white school shirt with stiff v-shaped collar which is tucked in (either long or short sleeved)
- Optional plain black v-neck jumper (worn with not instead of the blazer)
- Pleated black skirt (see Appendix 1)
- Plain black trousers (see Appendix 1) from the approved list of trousers
- Plain black or white socks (below the knee), or black or flesh coloured tights. If socks are worn as well as tights they must be plain, discreet, of the same colour and in worn in cold weather)
- Plain black shoes (see Appendix 1) with a low heel which are suitable for wearing during the day and to and from school. No canvas, trainers, boots or sandals
- Plain outdoor coat, no large logos
- The Sikh turban and Jewish skull cap are permitted
- Muslim students who wish to wear hijabs may do so provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and blends in with the school uniform colours

PE Uniform

- Regulation sky blue and navy jersey
- Regulation sky blue and navy gym t-shirt
- Regulation navy skirt or shorts
- Sky blue football socks
- Plain white trainer/sports socks
- One-piece swimming costume (if trunks/shorts then not below the knee) and goggles (optional) plain rash vest (optional)
- Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor sports
- Football boots (moulded rubber)
- Gum shield
- Shin pads
- Optional - Regulation JCS navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings for outdoor use

All kit needs to be clearly marked with the student's name either in indelible pen or embroidered on the outside of the garment.

Sixth Form Dress Code

- Clothing must be professional, business-like attire and not casual wear. A good barometer for Sixth Form students is to observe the John Colet School staff dress expectations and ensure their levels of presentation meet the same standard.
- Students should select clothing from the following list: tailored, collared shirt/blouse, ties, blazers or suit jackets, tailored trousers, smart dresses, skirts, smart belts, knitted jumpers, knitted sweaters, cardigans, tailored tops, shoes, ankle boots, sandals with heel straps.
- Clothing should be: in good repair, free from large logos or slogans.
- Sixth Form students may wear: a single nose stud, jewellery which is not excessive or likely to cause injury to themselves or others, nail varnish.
- For sporting activities, sixth form students must wear sportswear which is black, grey, blue or white with no large logos. Students are welcome to continue to wear items from their JCS PE kit if they previously had one (e.g. the JCS leggings).
- Further guidance and clarification about clothing expectations can be found in Appendix 2.

All Students

- "Plain" is defined as being without embellishment i.e studs, additional zips, braiding, patterned, logos etc
- Unnatural hair colouring is not permitted; the interpretation of "unnatural" is as follows: A colour that is not found within the natural colour spectrum, i.e. a bright, extreme or vivid colour. A combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast. If hair extensions are worn, they must be in a colour that naturally blends with the hair.
- One small, single stud in each ear is permitted; the stud must be worn in the lower part of the earlobe and should be removed for PE; students wearing studs in their ears other than in their lobes will be expected to remove them.
- Jewellery (except a watch) is not permitted; however, if there are religious or cultural reasons for wearing an item of jewellery then permission must be sought from the Head of Year. Jewellery is the responsibility of the owner and is worn at the owner's own risk. Other visible body piercings are not permitted and the student will be expected to remove them. A small clear retainer can be worn for nose piercings.
- Natural, subtle and basic make-up may be worn to cover skin complaints. Clear nail varnish may be worn but fingernails must be short and nail extensions of any kind are not permitted. No visible body art.
- Garments which cover the face or whole body are not permitted.
- Baseball caps, hats or hoods up are not permitted.
- Top garments such as hoodies and fleeces are not permitted.
- Belts if worn must be plain, black, leather or leather-look, buckles must be simple and plain. No branding or logos are allowed.

- Students may not remove their blazer in a lesson without the permission of the member of staff.
- All uniform should be marked in permanent pen with the owner's name.

Cost of uniform

We want to ensure that the cost of uniforms does not deter any student applying to the school, nor lead to students feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. Parents/carers who are unable to provide their child with the required items of school uniform should contact the Headteacher. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity. The uniform supplier, costs and quality of the uniform are reviewed annually to ensure that it provides good quality clothing at an affordable price. Parents/carers are regularly consulted on their views in this respect.

Application of the uniform policy

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform and they are expected to buy a uniform that complies with the school's policy. Form tutors are responsible for monitoring uniforms; all staff are responsible for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on the school site. Students not wearing the correct uniform or deliberately wearing the uniform incorrectly (for example rolling up blazer sleeves, or skirts) will be liable to sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy. Students in uniform that cannot be rectified may not be able to attend lessons. In the event of repeated uniform infringements parents will be contacted and the student will risk being sent home. In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item, which will be confiscated. A parent/carer will then need to come into school to collect the item in line with school policy.

The Headteacher is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress.

Issues arising from the policy

Parents/carers should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons, such as medical needs, will always be carefully considered.

Students should raise issues with their tutor and Head of Year; they may also request that uniform matters, including proposals for change, be put onto the agenda of Year and School Council meetings.

In the event of extreme weather conditions the Headteacher may vary the uniform requirements for a limited period.

Appendix 1

Trousers

Only trousers which comply with the Uniform Policy may be worn to school. To assist in the purchase of school trousers, below are approved styles.

If you do not wish to purchase trousers specified below, you must ensure that the trousers you do purchase are identical in style and material to the approved styles.

Please note that trousers must be black, full-length and tailored. The fit can be straight, slim or boot-cut and fastened by a zip and/or button. The following are not acceptable:

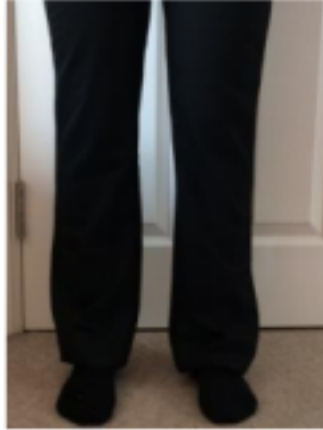
- Jeans, cargo style, leggings or jeggings. Trousers should be of 'suit material', not canvas.
- Styles with large back pockets, studs or rivets.
- Skinny fit (must be space between the trouser leg and ankle).

- Turn-ups at the bottom of the trouser legs.
- Fully elasticated waists.
- Material with a high shine or sheen.
- Cropped

Illustration of styles that are acceptable and not acceptable:



Slim fit - acceptable



Boot cut – acceptable



Straight – acceptable



Skinny fit – not acceptable



Not full length – not acceptable

Skirts

Skirts can be purchased from the school's approved supplier. If you do not wish to purchase a skirt from the approved supplier you must ensure that the skirt you do purchase is identical in style and material to the approved style. Please see images below for guidance.

Approved supplier skirt



Other shop style 'permanent pleat school skirt'



Shoes

The uniform policy is plain black shoes, no canvas, trainers, boots or sandals. There are a number of alternatives which may seem acceptable according to different parties and therefore examples of what would be considered acceptable and not acceptable are given below.

Acceptable Styles



Unacceptable Styles

Appendix 2



Sixth Form Dress Code

The list below is in response to some frequently asked questions about what is or is not acceptable as part of the professional attire dress code. The final decision on acceptability of dress lies with the Head of Sixth Form.

- No denim in any colour;
- No leather trousers
- Tops should have sleeves wide enough to cover the tops of shoulders
- No shorts;
- No combat or cargo trousers;
- No leggings;
- No inappropriate footwear e.g. flip flops or thong style shoes, mules, Birkenstocks, Ugg/casual boots, canvas shoes and trainers;
- No large logos;
- No clothes that are excessively worn or faded;
- No clothes with rips or tears;
- No hoodies, fleeces;
- No sweatshirts;
- No floor length dresses or skirts;
- No trousers tucked into boots;