

Uniform Expectations



Our school uniform encourages a sense of pride, equality, belonging and loyalty to the community of which all students are members. Students are expected to adhere to our uniform expectations at all times, including on their journey to and from school.

The latest expectations below reflect a trial change in policy that comes into effect on May 5th 2026. This will be reviewed at the end of the academic year before a fully updated version is launched for September 2026. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

Uniform- main school and PE kits

- Students can choose to wear either the Devizes School branded blazer, Devizes School branded jumper or both. This is a genuine choice for students, but no other jumpers, hoodies or jackets are permitted
- Devizes School branded ties are compulsory and should cover the top button and worn at a reasonable length, showing a minimum of 5 stripes. Clip-on ties are also available for purchase
- A formal, plain white shirt / blouse, short or long sleeved, with top button done up is compulsory. Ties must be able to be worn with them. Shirts should always be tucked in
- Students may wear either a black skirt, black trousers or tailored black shorts. Skirts must be in the Charleston style, and worn professionally- they should be a professional length and not shortened by being rolled up at the waist. No other type of skirt is permitted. Trousers should be tailored. No hipsters or jeans, combat trousers or leggings are permitted. If a student chooses to wear shorts, they must also be plain black and tailored. Belts must be plain black and fit through the loops on the trousers. No oversized buckles or clasps, studs or trimmings are permitted
- Only formal black, leather-fronted and polishable shoes are permitted. These should be low-heeled. No trainers, sling backs, canvas-style daps, or boots of any nature are permitted
- Any socks worn over tights must be black only
- For PE lessons, a Devizes School branded PE top is compulsory. Students can wear generic black/navy shorts or jogging trousers- no other colours are permitted. Other Devizes School branded PE clothing is available but not compulsory. More information around items needed for PE can be found on our website
- Outdoor Coats: Denim, leather, or imitation leather jackets are not permitted. Once in a lesson, coats must be removed and coat hoods down when indoors
- Hoodies or other sweatshirts, tracksuit tops and cardigans are not acceptable as coats- the classification of a hoodie is at the discretion of the school

Hair, make up & jewellery

- Makeup should be natural and subtle. The school reserves the right to make final judgement on what is and is not appropriate, including items such as fake eyelashes, which should be natural in appearance.
- Nail varnish is permitted, as is acrylic or gel fake nails. These should be natural in length and any that are deemed too long will either need to be removed or filed down to an appropriate size
- Headscarves worn for religious or medical reasons should be a uniform colour
- Lobe and Helix piercings are permitted within the ears, and multiple piercings are permitted in these areas
- Students who have their ears pierced may wear either studs, sleepers or 'huggies' in their ears. Sleepers/huggies should be small enough that the little finger cannot fit through them. Earrings that are deemed to be hoops will have to be removed. These should either be removed or taped over for PE or any other specific activities where a student's health and safety must be considered
- All other piercings should be removed whilst at school, and therefore we strongly recommend they do not get such a piercing and waste money/risk infection
- Bracelets & necklaces are permitted, but necklaces should be worn under the shirt
- A watch can be worn at school, but any use of a smart watch as a mobile device in school will result in the item being confiscated
- Tattoos of any kind are not allowed at school. This includes temporary 'henna' tattoos
- Individual fashion statements or overly-styled haircuts are not permitted. Dyed hair is permitted but should not be bright, artificial colours such as pink, green, blue etc. Braids are allowed, but must be neat and indistinguishable from the hair colour

Items that do not conform to the school's uniform policy will be confiscated by a teacher and dealt with according to the 'Confiscation of Property' policy. If a student has an item of jewellery that they value, it should not be brought into school as it will not be covered by our insurance.

If in any doubt about the details of this policy, parents should contact the school. It is better to check with a member of staff than to rely on assurances from students. If a genuine reason can be provided why a uniform standard cannot be met, then students will be managed on an individual basis. Any medical issues must be accompanied by documented evidence.