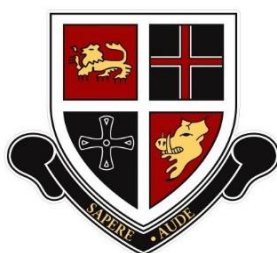


Durham Johnston Comprehensive School



UNIFORM GUIDANCE STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11

2025-2026



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Uniform for Pupils in Years 7-11

Why is uniform important? Why do we have a particular uniform?

Durham Johnston's ethos is based upon a belief in the importance of social justice. A child's personal circumstances should not be reflected in their school uniform. When students cross our threshold each morning, they are treated equally and uniform is very important in helping to generate a sense of equality and community. Items of our school uniform are also available from a variety of suppliers so as to reduce cost.

Why is it so important that parents, carers and students support our uniform policy?

It is very important that parents, carers, and students support our uniform policy as this reflects a commitment to the school and its ethos. The uniform is not open to personal interpretation and, when buying school uniform, please refer to this document only. If you have any questions please contact the school.

What is the uniform? What must students wear? What can't students wear?

To demonstrate our school uniform we have provided the following illustrations and an overview of what students must wear and what they should not wear. Stretchy skirts, leggings, jeans (or trousers that look like jeans) are not part of Durham Johnston's school uniform. Please do not buy them. We are aware that many supermarkets and high street shops sell items marked as school uniform that do not conform to the school's policy. Please do not put yourself to additional expense buying items which will have to be replaced.



The A-line and pleated skirts illustrated below are acceptable alternatives to the straight skirt modelled above.



Uniform for students in Years 7 – 11

MUST WEAR		DON'T WEAR	
A black blazer with the Durham Johnston badge on the top pocket must be worn by all students	✓		
Students must then choose from the following:			
Black formal style trousers - straight leg or bootcut style only Trousers must be full length and the hem should rest on the top of the shoes. OR Black straight, A-line or pleated skirt. Skirts should be of reasonable length and worn <u>no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.</u>	✓	Jeans, jeans style or casual trousers, leggings, jeggings or trousers made from stretch-lycra or jersey fabric, or trousers which fit tightly on the ankle	X
	✓	Tight skirts made from stretch lycra or jersey type fabric	X
AND			
White shirt (short or long sleeved) worn with a Durham Johnston school tie (available from Parkins) or White formal blouse with gold embroidered revered collar (available from Parkins)	✓	Open necked or polo type shirts	X
AND			
Plain black footwear	✓	High heeled boots or shoes or Ugg styleboots.	X
AND			
Plain, un-patterned, black opaque tights (<u>minimum of 40 denier</u>) / plain,un-patterned black socks	✓	♦ Patterned tights or tights which are torn or laddered ♦ White socks - to be worn for PE lessons only.	X X
Optional			
♦ Plain black belt ♦ Grey V-necked pullover or cardigan ♦ Please ensure that head coverings worn for religious purposes are plain black or white ♦ It is recommended that a craft apron is worn to protect uniform in practical lessons		Sweatshirts or hoodies	X
Please note that outdoor coats, scarves, hats and gloves must not be worn in school			

What items will my child need for PE?

- ♦ One short sleeved red top
- ♦ One long sleeved red top
- ♦ One plain black short bottoms
- ♦ One plain black long bottoms
- ♦ Red socks

Football boots and trainers (clean trainers are required for indoor use)

- ***Optional kit can be purchased in addition to the compulsory kit***

PE Kit can be purchased via the following link: <https://durhamjohnston.avecsport.com/>

What Health and Safety considerations are linked to uniform? Are there any other items that students can't wear?

There are a number of health and safety issues that sometimes get confused with uniform requirements. It is important that all parents and carers are aware that students cannot wear any jewellery at any point during the school day. This includes retainers to keep piercings open. False nails and eyelashes are not allowed. Smart watches must not be worn in school.

What will happen if my child doesn't wear the correct uniform?

Form tutors and senior teachers regularly explain the importance of school uniform. Students who are wearing incorrect uniform will be provided with loan uniform so that they can continue with their education. Students who are wearing any items that are a health and safety concern will be asked to remove them immediately. It is very important that you read and understand our uniform policy and fully support the school.

Where can I buy uniform?

Uniform, including blazers, ties, PE Kit and craft aprons, is available from most supermarkets and clothing stores. The PE Kit is also available to purchase from Avec Sport by following this link:

<https://durhamjohnston.avecsport.com/>

Parkins Outfitters

71 North Road
Durham DH1 2SQ
Tel: 0191 384 8527

Items are available to purchase from their shop and there is the facility to order online.

<http://parkinsschoolandmenswear.co.uk/> Password: **Johnston**

DfE Guidance

Please see below the link to DfE guidance on school uniform.

[New rules to drive down cost of school uniform for families - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-to-drive-down-cost-of-school-uniform-for-families)

Please note that we also have uniform in school that we are able to offer on a loan basis should pupils require additional support.