



# **Uniform & Dress Code Policy 2021/22**

A Guide for Parents/Carers

# Dress Code and Uniform



Buying a school uniform is a major expense and for this reason the uniform has been carefully chosen and priced so that whilst it is distinctive from those of neighbouring schools, it is also easily obtainable and keenly priced.

Our uniform creates our school identity and establishes a sense of pride amongst the students. It is expected that all students will come to the school every day in full, neat, clean uniform, giving the message that our students take pride and place in our school community.

This will continue to be the case until the student leaves the school and will also apply to the public examination period for all students. Year 11 students will attend all examinations and revision sessions in full uniform until their last examination.

The support of parents in upholding our high standards and expectations of uniform and appearance is crucial. Staff are required to ensure these standards are maintained at all times and will challenge students who do not uphold our standards.

Uniform sends a strong message about standards and self-worth. Admission to our school implies acceptance of the uniform code and students whose appearance doesn't meet our expectations may be sent home to change, or be isolated from other students by a senior member of staff until it is rectified. Repeated disregard for school rules could result in further sanctions being levied.

We believe that wearing a uniform does not discriminate and ensures all students have equal opportunities and shared expectations, regardless of background.

A list and summary of the full school uniform can be found towards the back of this booklet.

# Personal Appearance



## Hair

Hair must be worn in an appropriate conventional style. Hair styles must be such that they can easily be kept neat and do not prevent students from participating effectively and safely in all school activities. All long hair **MUST** be tied back for Health & Safety purposes during practical subjects.

Heads must not be fully shaved and should be no shorter than a grade 2, nor should there be any style which the school believes would undermine the ethos or discipline of the school. Inappropriate extreme hair cut examples include mohawk styles, disconnected parting lines or stepped hairstyles, with fully shaved back & sides which do not blend into the hair on top.

The dying, high or low lighting of hair in **natural** colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted. Students will be required to re-dye their hair in the event of failing to adhere to this rule. Eyebrows should also look natural.



## Shirt, skirt and trouser styles

Shirts must be plain white with a collar (casual shirts are not permitted) and be worn appropriately, i.e. shirts must be tucked in, collars buttoned to the top and ties clipped on. Trousers should be tailored only and should be worn with a belt where necessary and should not hang below the waist.

If not wearing a GSHS Tartan skirt (compulsory for new starters joining from September 2020), skirts should be knee length and not deemed too short. We will ask a student to change a skirt if we feel it is an inappropriate length/style for school. No jeans, fashion trousers or leggings are allowed. Socks should be plain black ankle socks or tights. Knee length socks are not allowed.



## Outdoor coats

Outdoor coats must be removed on entering the school. Students should not wear hoodies or non-uniform jumpers under their GSHS blazer. We will request that these items are removed until the end of the school day.



## Make-up

Make-up should be minimal and discreet for students in **Years 10-11 only**. Coloured nail varnish, false nails, false eyelashes, fake tan and excessive make-up must not be worn. Students will be provided with hypo-allergenic make up remover and requested to remove their make-up should it be deemed excessive.



## Jewellery

No jewellery or piercings of any kind are to be worn, except for a watch. Watches must be removed before P.E lessons, including smart watches. Students who persist in wearing jewellery will have these items confiscated and parents will be contacted to arrange collection. Staff confiscating jewellery will place it in a labelled envelope which will be taken to the Year Office to be locked away. The school takes no responsibility for jewellery which is brought into school, and is subsequently lost or stolen. However, once confiscated, the school and its staff are responsible for ensuring its security.

Due to the healing time advised, we request that any piercings are made at the start of the summer holidays to ensure no piercings are worn during school time.



## Parental Support

Parental support is crucial in upholding our high standard of uniform and appearance at our school. Parents are asked to note that we do not accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal property on, or left on, the premises.

The school retains the right to act as the final authority in the interpretation of the dress code and any student who fails to adhere to our uniform guidelines will risk being isolated as per our Behaviour Policy. If unsure, parents are advised to contact school for clarification before purchasing an item.

# GSHS School Uniform 2021/22

Available from the uniform shop (details on last page)

## Blazer

Black blazer with GSHS logo



## Tie

Clip-on tie in year colour

Year 7	Dark Blue
Year 8	Purple
Year 9	Yellow
Year 10	Orange
Year 11	Red



## Skirt



### GSHS Tartan skirt

Compulsory for years 7 and 8  
Optional for years 9-11 or plain black pleated, knee-length skirt

## Jumper (optional)



Optional for all years

Comes in year colours to match year tie

Year 7	Dark Blue
Year 8	Purple
Year 9	Yellow
Year 10	Orange
Year 11	Red

## Food Technology Apron



This is compulsory for Food Technology lessons and will be available to buy directly from school at a cost of £5. This will be supplied in your child's first Food Technology lesson.

Payment will be taken in September

# Non-branded compulsory uniform

## Shirt/Blouse

Plain white buttoned shirt or blouse with either short or long sleeves

## Trousers

Trousers should be plain black, tailored style. Demin, lycra, cargo style etc are not permitted

## Skirt

Students joining from September 2020 - GSHS tartan skirt

Other students – GSHS tartan skirt is optional or plain black pleated, knee-length skirt only

## Shoes

Shoes must be black flat shoes with no other colours or marking.

They should be a polishable, smart, leather formal type shoe, not a suede, canvas or leather trainer / leisure footwear type.

Do not assume stores that label their stock 'School Shoes' will be an appropriate purchase.

Please use the photographs below as a guide of what is acceptable.

If in doubt, please contact the school for advice.



# GSHS PE Kit 2021/22

## Polo top or Multisport Top

Short sleeve button top or long sleeve multisport top with school logo



## ½ Zip top (optional)

optional long sleeve winter top



## PE Bottoms / Leggings / shorts



Students can wear either the bottoms, leggings or shorts

## PE Jacket (optional)



## Non-branded compulsory PE kit

### Socks

Plain black



### Trainers

Black trainers are required for PE. These can be sports branded or non-branded.

### Boots (optional)

If you wish your child to also have a pair of studded boots for use with outdoor sports on the 3G pitch, they need to have soft studs (moulded).

Metal studded boots are not permitted

# Uniform Summary for September 2021/22

## COMPULSORY UNIFORM

- Black blazer with school badge in white
- Plain white school shirt / blouse with collar and top button (no logos)  
*Short or long-sleeve are acceptable*
- Clip on GSHS school tie in year colour
- Tartan GSHS school skirt (compulsory students joining from September 2020)  
Year 9-11 have the option to wear this, or a plain black, pleated, knee-length skirt

### **OR**

Black, formal style trousers (**no** jean-type material / style, leggings, Lycra or similar)

- Plain black ankle socks or plain black tights only (**no** knee-length)
- School shoes (as above)
- Black checked apron (supplied by school in September at a cost of £5)

## **OPTIONAL**

- Black V-neck school jumper **with school badge** in year colour

## COMPULSORY PE KIT

- Black polo shirt with school badge

### **OR**

Long sleeve multisport top with school badge

- Black shorts / tracksuit bottoms with school badge only

### **OR**

GSHS logo leggings

- Black sports socks (plain or GSHS) if wearing shorts
- Black Trainers (as above)

## **OPTIONAL**

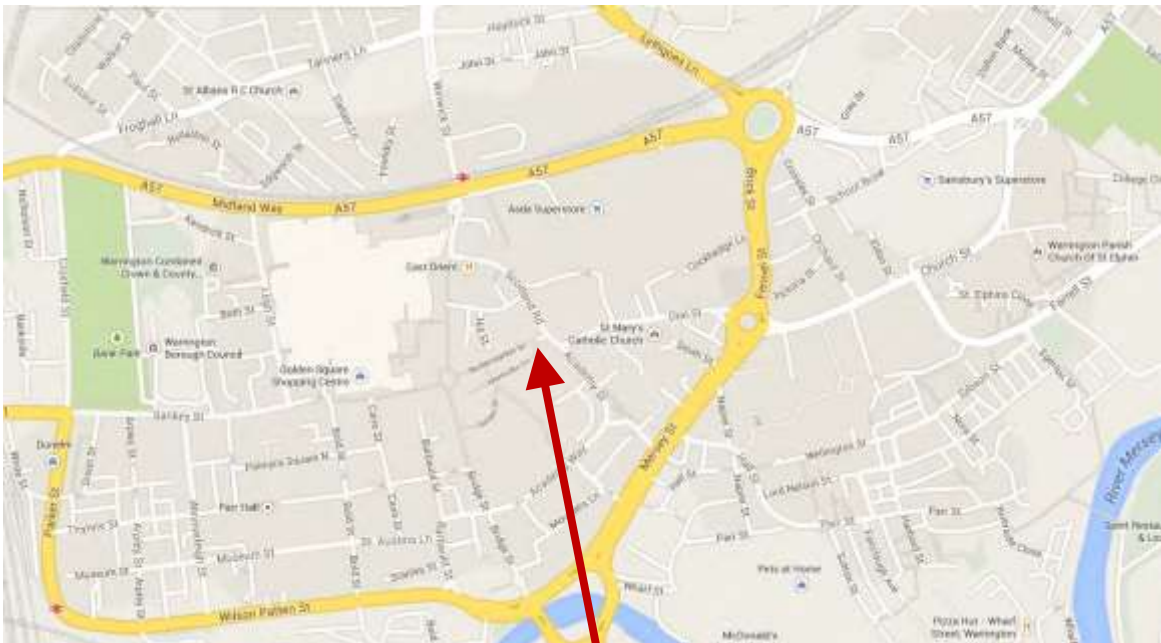
- GSHS Black ½ zip top with school badge
- Moulded studded boots (as above)
- GSHS Waterproof jacket

**Items with alternative brand markings to the school name and badge will not be permitted**





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