



Uniform & Dress Code Policy 2023/24

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.

GSHS School Uniform 2023/24

Blazer

Black blazer with GSHS logo. Available in 2 different fits



All uniform is available from

Warrington Schoolwear
50-54 Buttermarket St
Warrington
WA1 2NN
Tel 01925 576868
alphaschoolwear.com

Skirt



GSHS Tartan skirt

Compulsory skirt option for all year groups with the exception of Y11 who may opt for a plain black pleated, knee-length skirt

Tie

GSHS Clip-on tie in year colour



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

Apron

An apron is compulsory for Food Technology lessons, such as the one illustrated below.



Jumper

(optional, not to be worn in place of blazer)



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

If in doubt, please contact the school for advice.

Shoes

Shoes must be black flat shoes with no other colours or marking. They should be a polishable, smart, leather formal type shoe. Suede, canvas or leather trainers / leisure footwear are not acceptable. Trainers are not permitted.

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 and what is not acceptable.

Examples of acceptable footwear



Examples of unacceptable footwear



GSHS PE Kit 2022/23

Polo top or Multisport Top (compulsory)

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



½ Zip top (optional)

optional long sleeve winter top



PE Joggers / Leggings / shorts

PE Jacket (optional)



Students can wear either the Great Sankey logo **or** plain black joggers, leggings **or** shorts of the same style.

Please note that cycling shorts or similar style are not permitted

Non-branded compulsory PE kit

Socks

Plain black



Trainers

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

PE Uniform Summary for 2023/24

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

Choice of:

Tartan GSHS school skirt. Only Year 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

OPTIONAL

- Black V-neck school jumper with school badge

COMPULSORY PE KIT

- Black polo shirt with school badge

OR

Long sleeve multisport top with school badge

Choice of:

Black shorts / tracksuit bottoms with school badge, or GSHS logo leggings **OR**

Plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings with **no sports branding or logos**

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

OPTIONAL

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

Please note that if you are representing a school team you would be expected to wear the branded GSHS school PE kit

Personal Appearance



Hair

Hair must be worn in an appropriate 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 haircuts are not permitted.

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. Please see make up section for information about eye lashes.



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 not hang below the waist.

A GSHS tartan skirt is the compulsory skirt option for Year 7 to 10 (Year 11 have the option for a black box pleated skirt). All skirts should be worn knee length and not rolled at the waist. 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 (in school). 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 and lash extensions, false 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 wear jewellery will be asked to hand this in to a member of staff who will place it in a labelled envelope and leave securely in the Year Office for collection at the end of the day. Students who persist in wearing jewellery will have these items confiscated and parents will be contacted to arrange collection. 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.

The school takes no responsibility for jewellery which is brought into school, and is subsequently lost or stolen.



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, via their year office, for clarification before purchasing an item.