



Friday 10th June 2026

Uniform and equipment standards

Our uniform standards have remained exceptionally high all academic year and we have been proud of the sense of belonging this has cultivated without our community. Our uniform policy remains unchanged for next academic year, but as we go into the holidays many families will be replenishing uniforms and possibly purchasing new PE kit, therefore we felt it appropriate to remind you of our uniform expectations.

The school uniform is as follows (a visual guide is available in our parent A-Z):

- Black school blazer with the badge/logo at all times when moving through the building. Students may remove their blazer once they have entered the classroom
- Students also have the option to wear a plain black v-necked jumper, no sweatshirts or hoodies. (This option is in addition to the blazer, not in place of the blazer)
- Plain white shirt with collar (not polo shirts)
- Striped clip on tie at all times (matched to the students' house colour)
- Formal black trousers (not jeans, leggings or combat trousers; no other colours)
- Formal black skirt with tights (not a tube skirt; skirts should be loose fitting and an appropriate length)
- Formal black skort with tights
- Shoes - all black with no other colours, markings or branding (trainers are permitted but they must be all black)
- Black socks or black tights (tights should not be patterned or laddered/fishnet. Sports socks should not be worn over tights)

Student uniform is monitored as students enter the building and by their form tutor each morning. Where a student is in breach of the uniform policy they will:

- Receive an incorrect uniform mark on the school system which will automatically text home to inform their parent/carer
- Borrow the correct uniform from the uniform cupboard
- Collect a yellow slip identifying the item of uniform they have borrowed
- Return the borrowed uniform to their tutor at the end of the school day, signing off their yellow slip [note: students who do not return borrowed uniform will be invoiced for the cost of the item]
- Potentially have incorrect uniform items removed and confiscated which will be securely stored by the pastoral team

If a student is in breach of the uniform policy and refuses to borrow the correct uniform, the student will be placed in RESET until they are in the correct uniform. Students will be able to leave RESET once they are in correct school uniform; this may be through borrowing uniform from the uniform cupboard, or presenting in the correct uniform the next day. Refusal to complete RESET will be treated as persistent disruptive behaviour (PDB) in line with our behaviour policy. In cases of repeated breaches of the uniform policy, i.e. three incorrect uniform marks on the school system in one week, this will be treated as defiance and students will be placed in RESET for 5 lessons. If families have difficulty in sourcing the correct uniform they should contact the pastoral team to resolve this.

This enforcement in policy means that we will provide uniform to those students that arrive at school without any correct items; they will be expected to wear what is provided in order to avoid being isolated. It is important that our students continue to embody our core values and demonstrate their pride in being students of LHS by adhering to these expectations.

As we approach the end of the year if you are able to donate any uniform that you no longer need it would be greatly appreciated. We are in particular in need of smaller sizes of blazers, skirts and PE kit.

It is also essential that all students are well equipped for lessons. Students should have a pencil case with black or blue pens, pencils, a rubber, a ruler, a protractor and compass, and a scientific (natural display) calculator. Our recommended calculator is a Casio FX. Students are also advised to bring in water in a refillable bottle as sugary fizzy drinks, including any form of energy drink, are not permitted at LHS and will be disposed of.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance has been a key priority at LHS and we have seen a marked improvement this academic year;; whilst our school attendance is in line with the North East average, our school attendance remains below national average and thus as it stands a large number of students still do not attend school regularly enough. We are predicted to have reduced the rate of Persistent Absence by 12% over the last 2 years. Both student wellbeing and exam outcomes are significantly impacted by attendance.

I need the whole school community to work together on attendance in this coming year and ensure that students attend everyday, apart only in extreme circumstances. We ask that you also bear in mind when booking any holidays for next year that we cannot authorise term time holidays. We work with the Local Authority to issue fines for 10 sessions (5 days) of absence due to unauthorised holidays. Additionally, this year we have increased our work with the North Tyneside Attendance and Placement Team to issue 'Notice to Improve' for students with poor attendance and we are continuing to issue Penalty Notices in cases where there is continued absence. It is essential that we work together to ensure children attend school regularly and are in the best position to achieve their full potential. If there are barriers to attendance, I urge parents to open up a dialogue immediately with us so we can work together to overcome these issues.

Kind regards,

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