

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Catholic Engineering College



School Uniform Policy

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Mission Statement

In Christ We Grow

'As a learning community we live out our mission statement striving for excellence through caring, sharing and achieving'.

Rationale

At Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, we believe in extremely high standards of appearance and behaviour.

We have a very strict policy regarding uniform and appearance because we expect all our children to look smart and be ready to learn. We insist upon a strict adherence to our rules and rely on the full support of parents / carers in implementing this policy.

There is a direct correlation between standards of dress and appearance and standards of behaviour and readiness to learn. It is the school's belief that differing standards fashion should not influence how people are treated in our school and that all should be able to learn as equals. Inappropriate dress, uniform and appearance are potential barriers to learning. We have high expectations of what is required so that no child is out-of-place and therefore vulnerable.

This policy should be read in conjunction with all other policies and in particular:

- The Behaviour & Rewards Policy
- Equality Objectives
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Pupil Premium Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy

Uniform Orders

- Items of school uniform should be ordered through the SWI Direct to Parent 24-hour website www.swischoolwear.co.uk.
- The only items school does not provide for Y7 students are: white shirts, standard socks, tights and shoes.
- Should you find yourself in a position of financial difficulty, please let the school know through your child's Learning Manager.

Uniform Requirements

Year 7 – 10 Skirt Uniform	Year 7 – 10 Trouser Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey Colchester Jacket• Grey Colchester Skirt• White Shirt• Red School Tie• Grey Socks• Natural, Grey or Black Tights• Sensible Black School Shoes• School Slipover (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey Saville Jacket• Grey Saville Trousers• White Shirt• Red School House Tie• Grey Socks• Sensible Black School Shoes• School Slipover (optional)

Year 11 Skirt Uniform	Year 11 Trouser Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey School Jumper• Grey Colchester Skirt• White Shirt• Red School House Tie• Grey Socks• Natural, Grey or Black Tights• Sensible Black School Shoes• School Slipover (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey School Jumper• Grey Saville Trousers• White Shirt• Red School House Tie• Grey Socks• Sensible Black School Shoes• School Slipover (optional)

PE Kit (all years)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Vapour PE Polo Shirt• Black Milan Shorts (if cold, black PE leggings/black Jogging Bottoms may be worn)• Zip Top (optional)• PE Sport Black Socks or Short White Socks• Training Shoes • <i>Cycling shorts are not allowed</i>

During the school day, only sensible black school shoes, with no coloured labels or designs, are to be worn. Training shoes and canvas pumps are not allowed.

For PE, Sports Training Shoes must be worn - fashion pumps are not allowed (e.g. Vans, Converse, etc.)

ALL POSSESSIONS TO BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH OWNER'S NAME

Valuables

We recommend that students do not bring expensive outdoor coats into school. During PE lessons, all valuables must be placed in the secure valuables box for safekeeping, but it is recommended that valuable items are not brought into school, especially on PE days. **A suitable school bag is required to carry school books, pens, pencils, etc. and PE Kit.**

- **Please note that schools are not insured for loss or damage and cannot therefore take responsibility for them. The school takes no responsibility for expensive items of clothing, valuables or any electronic item brought into school.**

Please note the following uniform reminders:

- If there is a problem with any item of uniform, a student must inform their Learning Manager on entry into school. A note from a parent or carer should confirm the problem and be signed.
- If a student arrives without the correct uniform, parents/carers will be contacted and they:
 - will be either sent home to get changed or collect missing items.
 - Parents/carers will be asked to bring in the missing items.
 - will be put in detention if the uniform issue is not rectified.
 - Regular and persistent failure to meet standards can result in a student being put into internal exclusion

School Uniform Rules

- Full uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Jackets, hoodies, scarves and sweatshirts must not be worn in the school building.
- Outdoor coats should be big enough to go over your uniform for break and lunchtimes.
- The only jumpers that are allowed are school issue slippers for Years 7-10 and Y11 standard schools jumpers.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Skirts must be knee length and not rolled over at the waistband.
- Students must have a sensible school bag every day at school with the required equipment in it. This includes: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener.

Jewellery

- Jewellery, fabric bracelets and earrings are not permitted.
- Any watch e.g. Apple Watch or other electronic device that can connect to the internet must not be worn in school. As per DfE regulations, the school has the right to confiscate any items that are not allowed in school.
- No piercings are allowed.

Hair:

- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed:
 - No shaved hair below a number 2 blade. No lettering, lines, patterns, symbols or patches
 - No hair colours that cannot be grown naturally
 - **No two tone hair colours or dipped hair**
 - No extensions/false hair pieces

- No full head plaits beads
- Hair clips/slides must be in line with school colours and discrete
- Boys must be clean shaven

Make-up/Nail Varnish:

- No make-up or nail varnish/gel nails/shellac/acrylics/false nails are allowed
- Eyebrows are to be natural e.g. no tinted, HD brows, no tattoo eyebrows
- No fake eyelashes
- No fake tan

Tattoos and Piercings:

- Tattoos are not allowed under any circumstances
- No visible body piercings are allowed

Failure to adhere to uniform standards

Failure to adhere to uniform standards will result in any one or combination of the following measures for non-compliance / defiance:

- Request to remove make-up, jewellery, nail varnish, etc.
- A detention
- Request to go home to correct the uniform issues
- A letter home to parents with an agreed timescale for the issues to be resolved
- A warning from a Learning Manager
- A warning from a senior member of staff
- A set period of time in the Reflection Room
- Internal Exclusion
- Isolation with Form Tutor/Learning Manager
- Phone call to parents
- Suspension
- Permanent Exclusion for persistent defiance

Second hand / Pre-loved Uniform

Second hand / Pre-loved Uniform can be obtained direct from school.

The school phone number is: [01695 725635](tel:01695725635)

The school email is: mail@olqp.lancs.sch.uk

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.