

# St Cecilia's

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## R. C. High School

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# Uniform and Equipment Policy

## 2026/27

# Introduction



At St Cecilia's, we take great pride in the high standards of our uniform, which is evident when you see our pupils in school or on their way to and from school. Our uniform reflects the school's identity, supports student wellbeing, and promotes a sense of equality. Pupils often share that wearing the uniform- and wearing it correctly - helps reduce peer pressure and fosters a stronger sense of inclusion for everyone.

**All students are expected to follow our uniform policy - this includes travelling to and from school.**

**Parents, carers, and pupils show their support for this policy by reviewing and agreeing to our Whole School Agreement each year.**

*If unsure about an item, please check with school before purchasing.*

***The Headteacher's decision on uniform items is final.***



*"Wearing the uniform correctly is like showing pride in your school. It's part of our identity and how others see us." Year 10 pupil*

*"Wearing the uniform properly shows respect for the school and ourselves. It makes us look smart and ready to learn." Year 8 pupil*

# School Uniform



**Pupils must travel to and from school in full school uniform.**

**We would advise that shop receipts are kept safely in case any items need returning.**

Following a review of our current uniform, we will be reducing the number of branded items required. This change is intended to make our uniform more affordable, while continuing to promote a strong sense of identity, pride, and high standards across the school.

## Implementation timeline

To support families and allow adequate time for transition, the changes will be introduced on a phased basis:

- **From September 2026**, the revised uniform will be **compulsory for all students entering Year 7** and **optional for Years 8-11**.
- **From September 2027**, the revised uniform will become **compulsory for all year groups** across the school.

In the 2026-2027 academic year, pupils in Years 8-11 may continue to wear the “old” uniform during this transition period, however it must be compliant with the previous uniform policy, which can be viewed on our website.

## General Uniform List - Year 7 must wear the following uniform

- **Black Jumper with school badge** V neck with red detail.  
Compulsory and branded  
(Must be worn unless summer uniform is called and jackets must be worn over this in winter.)
- **White shirt** Compulsory and unbranded  
(Must be tucked in with top button fastened.)
- **School tie** Black with red/white stripe.  
(Must be worn with at least 7 stripes showing in length.)
- **Long black tailored** trousers  
Compulsory and unbranded  
Boys - Long loose fitting  
Girls - Long loose fitting straight or boot cut.  
  
**or**
- **Knee-length knife-pleat school skirt with school badge**  
Compulsory and branded  
(The hem must **rest at the knee, not above it**. We advise buying with room for growth and for your child to be present during fitting to ensure the required length is purchased.)

- **Black socks with trousers**  
(Unbranded and cover the ankle are to be worn with trousers.)  
  
**or**
- **White socks or black opaque tights with skirts**  
(Unbranded and cover the ankle, with no patterns, bows/frills, or opaque black tights are to be worn with skirts.)  
  
**Optional**
- **Black belt**  
Plain leather or synthetic with single metal buckle.
- **Plain winter coat**  
No hoodies, sports jackets or tracksuit tops.

*Hoodies and non-uniform jackets will be confiscated and must be collected by parents/carers.  
Parents/carers will be asked to replace skirts where the hem rests above the knee.*

# Footwear



## ✓ Allowed:

- Plain completely black leather/synthetic leather flat shoes with black laces or velcro

## ✗ Not Allowed:

- Trainers, trainer soles, logos, stripes, boots, studs or coloured soles



*Students wearing incorrect shoes will be asked to wear school pumps (if available) unless a **medical note** is provided that explains why only trainers and not shoes or pumps are medically appropriate footwear. If we are unable to provide pumps or a pupil refuses pumps offered, then they will be sanctioned in line with policy.*

# PE Kit



- Red dry-fit t-shirt or racer-back top with school badge. Compulsory and branded.

**The following items must be plain. Items may have a small logo (e.g., Nike tick) but no alternatives embellishments (e.g. stripes). No football logos.**

**School branded items are available.**

- Black shorts or skirt

**or**

Black leggings with no translucent panels and suitable thickness or plain black training pants

- Black full zip or quarter zip training top
- Black hoodie or sweatshirt
- Red football socks or plain black ankle socks/sport socks
- Suitable trainers for sport



# Hair

- Hair must be of a **natural colour**, no extreme styles, must not cover the eyes and have no patterns.
- Hair will be deemed unacceptably short if school considers **that bare skin is visible where hair would normally grow but can't be seen**.
- Pupils can ensure that the requirement is met by specifying that **hair must be visible** to their hairdresser/barber.
- Only small, plain hairclips are permitted
- Eyebrow patterns, designs, or shaved lines are not permitted

# Appearance

- No makeup permitted, including henna, fake tan,
- No false eyelashes, false nails/gel nails/nail polish
- No piercings, including earrings (even if covered with plasters etc.)
- No jewellery including bracelets, necklaces, chains or rings
- No tattoos (real or fake)
- Badges are not permitted unless they are provided by the school (e.g. ambassador badge).

# Resolutions

- **Infractions:**  
If a pupil fails to meet the appearance standards, and the issue can be easily corrected (e.g., by removing makeup with a hypoallergenic face wipe), they will be issued with a detention.
- **Repeat Offenses:**  
If a pupil continues to fail to meet the standard after a detention has been issued, escalating sanctions will be applied to encourage compliance.
- **Non-Removable Items:**  
If a pupil wears items that cannot be easily removed or corrected (such as certain accessories or clothing items), they will be required to work in Damascus until the issue is addressed.



# Equipment

## Compulsory items included in checks:

-  Black pen
-  Pencil
-  Ruler
-  School bag (capable of holding a minimum of two A4 folders)

## Recommended Items:

-  Pencil Sharpener
-  Scientific calculator (Discretion will be used for disadvantaged pupils)
-  Green pen (For self-corrections)
-  Purple pen (For peer marking)
-  Ruler
-  Protractor
-  Maths's compass
-  Glue stick
-  Scissors
-  Highlighter
-  Coloured pencils/ Crayons
-  Felt pens
-  White board (non-permanent) marker
-  Hair bobble (*plain*)
-  Technology apron (*red*)

# Drinks and Water Bottles

- We would strongly advise that all pupils bring a **full, plain water bottle** to school each day. Bottles may be refilled with water only during **break and lunchtime** to support hydration and minimize classroom disruption.
- Fizzy drinks, energy drinks or any other bottles are not permitted in school.

