

St Cecilia's

R. C. High School



Uniform and Equipment Policy

2025/26

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 receipts are kept safely in case any items need returning.

Clothing

- **Black blazer** with school badge (must be worn unless summer uniform is called and jackets must be worn over this)
- **White shirt** (must be tucked in with top button fastened)
- **School tie**
 - KS3: Red with black/white stripe
 - KS4: Black with red/white stripe
 - Prefects: Plain black with school badge
- **Long black tailored trousers** or
- **Knee-length knife-pleat school skirt** where 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** that are unbranded and cover the ankle are to be worn with trousers or
- **White socks** that are unbranded and cover the ankle, with no patterns, bows/frills, or opaque black tights are to be worn with skirts.

Optional

- **Red jumper** with school badge (not tucked in)
- **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.*



Compulsory Items

- Red dry-fit t-shirt or racer-back top (with badge)
- Zip-up training top (with badge)
- Black football shorts or skort (with badge)
- Red football socks

Optional

- Plain black training pants (no branding)
- Black leggings with school name on calf
- Gilbert red/black netball dress
- Plain black sports socks



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 is wearing 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
-  Reading book
- 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.

