



# Uniform Policy

**St John's School & Sixth Form  
College**

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May 2026	Headteacher	Local Governing Committee / Trust	September 2026
<b>Recent Revisions</b>			
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1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

## **Introduction**

St John's School and Sixth Form College is part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, and the uniform supports the high standards of the Trust and the school. At St John's we believe that a school uniform plays an important role in creating a focused and respectful learning environment. The uniform policy is designed to promote equality, reduce distractions, and instil a sense of pride and belonging among students. By wearing the correct uniform, students represent not only themselves but also the values of our school. This policy outlines expectations for student dress and appearance, ensuring consistency and clarity for all members of the school community.

## **Aims**

We believe that a clearly defined school uniform is important to:

- **Promote equality**  
To create a sense of fairness and reduce peer pressure by minimising visible economic and social differences among students.
- **Encourage a sense of belonging**  
To help students feel part of the school community and take pride in representing the school.
- **Support a focused learning environment**  
To reduce distractions and support a professional atmosphere that is conducive to learning and achievement.
- **Foster discipline and responsibility**  
To encourage students to take responsibility for their appearance and to understand the importance of following guidelines and expectations.
- **Prepare students for the future**  
To help students develop habits of personal presentation that are important in many workplaces and formal environments.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform requirements are outlined in the table below, along with details regarding which items are optional and which need to be branded.

### General Uniform for Years 7 - 11

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Maroon Blazer	Required	Maroon blazer is a <b>branded</b> item, embroidered with our school badge. This is only available from our uniform supplier.
White plain shirt	Required	White collared shirt with top button fastened. This must be smartly tucked in. Shirts can be purchased from any high-street retailer.
School Tie with eagle below the knot	Required	This is a <b>branded</b> item. The school tie has a specific-coloured stripe for each year group. This is only available from our uniform supplier. <b>For September 2026, the tie stripe colours are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Turquoise</li> <li>• Year 8 Maroon</li> <li>• Year 9 Lilac</li> <li>• Year 10 Green</li> <li>• Year 11 Orange</li> </ul>
Plain black V-neck jumper or plain black V-neck tank-top	Optional	
Black trousers – straight leg style ( <i>“Skinny” trousers, jeans or leggings are not allowed</i> )	Required	<i>Trousers can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Black pleated skirt worn with black opaque tights	Required	<i>Skirts can be purchased from our uniform supplier or any</i>

		<i>high-street retailer which sells the same style.</i>
Black smart dress shoes	Required	<i>Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps or canvas shoes. Shoes can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>

### Outerwear

Item	Information
Outdoor coats	<i>Required for outdoor use at breaktimes and lunchtimes</i>
Boots	<i>There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Boots will be allowed when there is snow.</i>

### PE Kit and Footwear

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Maroon polo shirt or maroon t-shirt with St John's logo	Required	<i>This is a <b>branded</b> item, embroidered with the school badge. This is only available from our uniform supplier.</i>
Black shadow stripe shorts - no logo	Required	<i>Shorts can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Maroon sports socks - no logo	Required	<i>Socks can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Trainers and 3G footwear (astro turf boots / plastic moulded studs)	Required	<i>These can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Shinpads	Required	<i>These can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Swimming costume, goggles and towel	Required	<i>These can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>

Plain black hoodie with or without St John's logo	Optional	<i>These can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
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### General Appearance

<b>Hairstyles</b>	Hair colour and hairstyles should be within the natural colour range. The school reserves the right to decide if the cut and colour of a student's hair is appropriate. Tramlines, Mohicans etc are deemed inappropriate.
<b>Jewellery</b>	Students are not permitted to wear jewellery except a watch. No other jewellery or visible body piercings are allowed.
<b>Make-Up</b>	Students are not permitted to wear excessive make-up. The school reserves the right to decide whether the amount of make-up a student is applying is appropriate. Students are not permitted to wear coloured nail varnish, false, gel or acrylic nails. For health and safety reasons nails need to be a sensible length. False eyelashes and fake tan are not permitted.
<b>Religious Head Coverings</b>	Students may wear religious head coverings or garments (e.g. hijabs, turbans, kippahs) as part of their uniform, provided they are plain black and meet health and safety standards.

### Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students are expected to present themselves as positive role models for the younger year groups. We believe that attitude to appearance has an impact on attitude to effort and, therefore, we require our students to dress in a smart and respectful way.

### Ordering School Uniform

Our school uniform may be purchased from our uniform suppliers:

- Cre8ive Graphics, 12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland  
<https://cre8iveschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/st-johns-catholic-school-sixth-form-college/>
- Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd  
<https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/schools/st-johns-catholic-school-sixth-form-college/>

Please let us know if you need any assistance in purchasing uniform for your child.

**Links to Other Trust and School Policies:**

- Behaviour Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Equality Policy
- Health and Safety Policy