

PERSONAL PRESENTATION AND UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

All pupils of St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School are expected to wear our approved school uniform, which is both smart and practical. We believe that this provides our students with a sense of identity and promotes a belonging within our school community.

We believe that first impressions are important and for this reason, we expect our students to present themselves in a smart, business-like appearance at all times. By consistently wearing our school uniform to the highest standards, students are not only presenting a positive image of our school community, but also of themselves as individuals.

In order to meet the required standard, students are expected to wear our school uniform correctly, e.g. shirt tucked in, top button fastened, tie correctly worn and blazer sleeves rolled down.

Furthermore, in meeting the expected standard for Personal Presentation, students must conform to the following requirements:

Personal Presentation:

- Hair styles must be neat and tidy and of natural colour. (Haircuts shorter than a No 3 blade are **not** allowed.) Long hair for both boys and girls **must** be tied back at all times with a bobble that is school colour.
- Fashionable extremes will not be permitted. This includes hair extensions, shaved heads, skin fading, pattern shaving, "mullet" cuts, unnatural or two-toned colours.
- Hair of different lengths must be blended.
- Mousse/gel/hairspray should not be used.
- Facial hair must not be visible. Pupils should be clean shaven.
- The use of make-up* is **NOT** acceptable – students wearing makeup which is visible will be expected to remove it. This includes fake tan.
- Nail varnish and the wearing of false nails is **NOT** allowed.
- Piercings* are not allowed and 'recent piercing' will NOT be accepted as a reason for keeping jewellery in during the school day and **MUST** not be covered with plasters.

With regards to jewellery and personal items, students are allowed to wear a watch but this must not be a SMART WATCH). No other items of jewellery, piercings or personal items are permitted, this includes ear pods.

CONFISCATION

If any student is seen to be wearing more jewellery or personal items than is allowed in line with our policy on Personal Presentation, the member of staff concerned will confiscate the item in the first instance. The item will be put into an envelope, clearly labelled with the student's name and it will be given to the appropriate Senior Learning Co-ordinator.

If any item is confiscated from the same student on more than one occasion in any half-term, Parents/Carers will be asked to collect the confiscated item from school.

Uniform & Equipment

All students are expected to wear our school uniform as required:

UNIFORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green blazer with school badge ▪ Grey school jumper with school badge (optional) ▪ Shirt/Blouse: plain white ▪ Trousers: plain black ▪ Socks- plain black ▪ Skirt: knee length grey with two inverted pleats (front and back). If a student would prefer to wear the trousers, then these MUST be the specified style with the school initials on the waist (in grey) ▪ School tie ▪ Socks - Grey knee length or grey opaque tights ▪ Shoes - sensible plain black 	
Shirt	This MUST have a top button that is fastened at all times, worn correctly, ie tucked into skirt or trousers.
Tie	Students MUST ensure that the tie is worn to correct length; crest visible below tied knot.
Trousers	This item MUST be a tailored style and must NOT be 'skinny', 'slim fit' or denim/fashion style.
Skirt	This item MUST be worn at knee length and the style as provided by our suppliers only. This MUST be the new style with two inverted pleats (front and back).
Jumper	This optional item is only available from our approved suppliers. This item MUST be the new style grey school jumper with the school badge.
Footwear	This MUST be a plain black shoe without logos – high/wedge heels, boots, sandals, pumps, training/sports shoes, sports branded footwear (such as 'Nike') will NOT be allowed. In snow, pupils may wear wellington boots/boots whilst travelling to and from school but will be expected to bring school shoes to change into once in school.
Outdoor Coat	Outside coats or jackets should be plain black, without any logos or motifs. Outside coats or jackets must not be worn anywhere in the building. In cold weather however, ONLY BLACK outside coats may be worn over the blazer at breaks and lunchtimes.

Please note:	Casual outer garments such as hoodies, sweatshirts, tracksuit tops baseball caps are not part of the SEA School Dress Code.
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**Disclaimer: The school reserves the right to make the final judgement on any of the above*

All pupils are expected to have basic equipment with them every day to ensure that they are ready for learning:

Planner	This is issued to every student – students MUST have their planner for every lesson. Parents and Carers are expected to monitor their child's planner and sign in weekly
Equipment	All students MUST have following items on a daily basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School bag – large enough to carry books and equipment ▪ Pencil case with pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and coloured pencils
For Design & Technology	White cotton craft apron for workshop activities. Green and white striped tabard

PE Kit Requirements

PE Kit Update November 2022: PE Kit requirements have been reviewed in line with government cost of school uniform guidelines and, following a second review in September 2022, several changes have been made. These changes take effect following the publication of this information on the school website, however, PE kit purchased for the 2022-23 school year remains acceptable until a pupil grows out of the kit or items of kit need replacing.

All pupils are expected to have the required PE kit available from our approved suppliers.

For Physical Education/Core PE

- Pupils must always have minimum kit requirements for their PE lessons.
- All items of kit must be clearly labelled with a pupil's name.
- Kit described as 'plain' must not be branded with brand logos. (The changes in minimum kit requirements have been introduced following government guidelines to ensure that PE kit is affordable and socially levelling.)
- Pupils are expected to bring the minimum kit which is appropriate for each activity and for the forecasted weather. Pupils will be allowed to wear base-layers, gloves etc. IN ADDITION to their PE kit if the teacher deems it suitable.
- Please be aware that studded boots are essential for boys' outdoor lessons as training shoes DO NOT provide a sure enough footing on grass.
- Pupils may shower after every lesson if they wish and will need to bring necessary supplies to do so.

Those pupils who are not participating in PE (for a valid reason, eg injury) **MUST** also have **FULL PE kit** as they will have a role in all lessons as a coach, observer or referee.

Boys' and Girls' Indoor Kit	Boys' and Girls' Outdoor Kit (in addition to indoor)
CORE PE KIT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plain black shorts (boys and girls)* OR ▪ Plain black opaque leggings (girls only)* ▪ White polo shirt with SEA badge* ▪ Black socks (football socks for boys) ▪ Trainers suitable for indoor and Astroturf use (Pumps e.g. Converse, Vans NOT allowed). <p>*Can be worn as outside kit also.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red hoodie with SEA badge (girls only). ▪ Green reversible rugby shirt with SEA badge (boys only). ▪ Studded boots (boys only). ▪ Shinpad/guards (essential for Football and Hockey).
CORE PE KIT OPTIONAL/RECOMMENDATIONS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plain black tracksuit bottoms. ▪ Mouth Guard/Gum Shields (Recommended for Rugby and Hockey)

PLAIN ITEMS MUST NOT BE BRANDED WITH BRAND LOGOS

GCSE in PE & Sports Studies/Science	GCSE Dance
Y10 & 11 OPTIONS PE KIT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as CORE PE kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as CORE PE Kit • Black leotard & footless tights (exam requirement).
Y10 & 11 OPTIONS PE KIT OPTIONAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black polo shirt with SEA badge (instead of white polo). • Black hoodie with SEA badge (instead of red hoodie/green reversible rugby shirt). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black T-shirt. • Black hoodie with SEA badge and pupil initials (instead of red hoodie). • Jazz shoes or toe thongs.

The above items with a school badge are available from the school stockists:- Slaters, Sportsline and Impressions.