

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 pupils 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 pupils to present themselves in a smart, business-like appearance at all times. By consistently wearing our school uniform to the highest standards, pupils are not only presenting a positive image of our school community, but also of themselves as individuals.



In order to meet the required standard, pupils 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 2 blade are **not** allowed).
Long hair for both boys and girls **must** be tied back with a bobble when they are taking part in certain subjects/activities. 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.
- Mouse/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 – pupils 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 pupil 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 Director of Learning. This will then be placed in reception for parents/carers to collect.

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.

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Uniform & Equipment

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green blazer with school badge. This must be worn at all times. ▪ Grey school jumper with school badge (optional) ▪ Shirt/Blouse: plain white ▪ Skirt: knee length grey with two inverted pleats (front and back) ▪ Trousers: (boys & girls) plain black OR Grey SEA specified style (girls only) ▪ Socks- plain black (if wearing trousers) / grey (if wearing a skirt) ▪ Tights - black opaque (if wearing a skirt) ▪ School tie ▪ Shoes - sensible plain black
Shirt	This MUST have a top button that is fastened at all times. It should be tucked into the skirt or trousers.
Tie	Pupils 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 must be the style with two inverted pleats (front and back). If a skirt is worn, black opaque tights MUST be worn.
Jumper	This is an optional item and MUST be the grey school jumper with the school badge. This MUST NOT be worn <i>instead</i> of the school blazer.
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 and should not be worn to school.

****Disclaimer: The school reserves the right to make the final judgement on any of the above***

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

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 ▪ Maths equipment
For Design & Technology	Cream cotton craft apron for workshop activities Plain white cotton apron (for cooking)
For Performing Arts	Dance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plain black leggings ▪ Black t-shirt with school logo and 'Performing Arts' embroidered (or printed) on front. OPTIONAL: 'Dance' printed on back ▪ Ballet shoes, soft-sole jazz shoes or foot thongs

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PE Kit Requirements

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)* <i>NB: Not 'micro' shorts/cycle shorts OR</i> ▪ Plain black opaque leggings (girls only)* ▪ White polo shirt with SEA badge* ▪ Black football socks are required for ALL Boys PE lessons / Girls can wear black ankle socks (apart from when they are on football) ▪ Trainers suitable for indoor and Astroturf use (eg Converse, Vans, etc are NOT allowed) *Can be worn as outside kit also 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red hoodie with SEA badge (girls only) ▪ Green reversible rugby shirt with SEA badge (boys only) ▪ Studded boots (for boys & girls) ▪ Shinpad/guards (essential for Football and Hockey) ▪ Sports bra for those students who require extra support and comfort ▪ Black football socks are required for ALL Boys PE lessons / Girls can wear black ankle socks (apart from when they are on football)
CORE PE KIT OPTIONAL/RECOMMENDATIONS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plain black tracksuit bottoms. ▪ Gum shields and shin pads are optional for PE lessons but are a requirement for competition

PLAIN ITEMS MUST NOT BE BRANDED WITH BRAND LOGOS

GCSE IN PE & SPORTS STUDIES/SPORTS SCIENCE	
Y10 & 11 Options PE Kit: Minimum Requirements	Y10 & 11 Options PE Kit: Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as CORE PE kit 	<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)

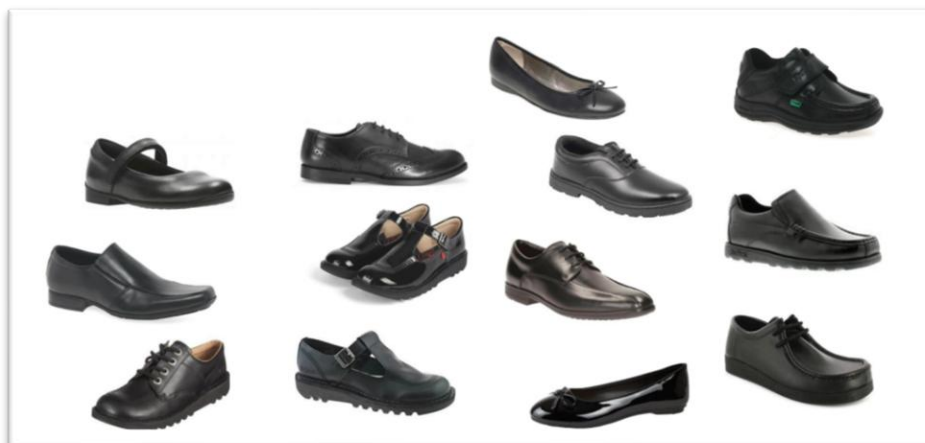
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Footwear

We take pride in maintaining a high standard of uniform that reflects the professionalism and focus we expect from our pupils. As part of this, we have clear guidelines on acceptable footwear to ensure consistency and promote a smart appearance.

Pupils are required to wear plain black shoes that meet the following criteria: -

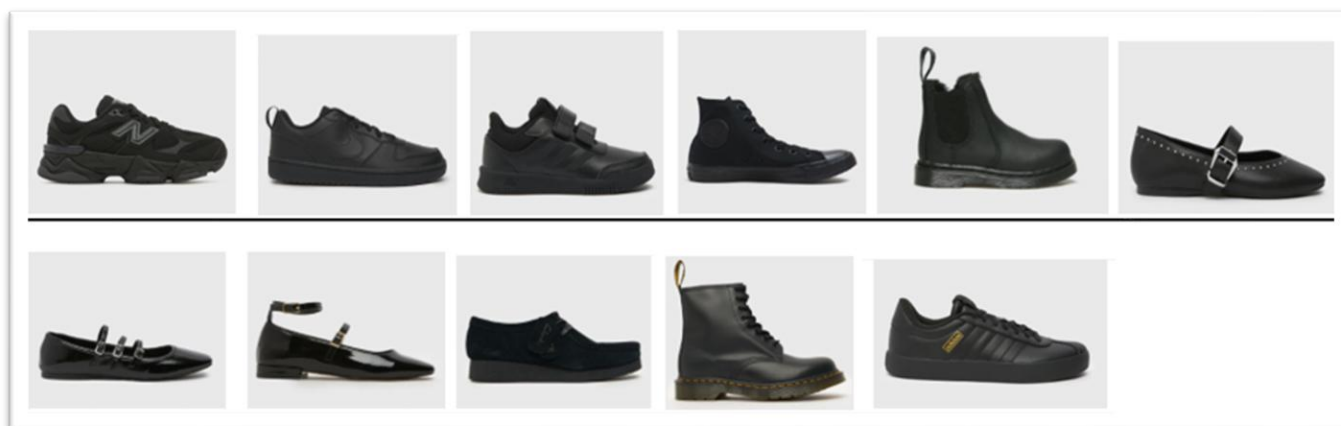
- Shoes, not boots or trainers
- Free from any visible sports logos or branding
- Flat-soled for safety and comfort
- Made of polishable material to ensure they are kept in good condition



Footwear should **not** include: -

- Trainers or any form of sports footwear
- Shoes with high heels, which can be unsafe
- Shoes with excessive decoration, such as large buckles, patterns, or embellishments

These are some examples of shoes that **are not** acceptable in school.



In circumstances where a pupil arrives to school with inappropriate footwear for no valid reason, alternative shoes will be provided.

If you have any questions regarding footwear, please contact school.