



TOTTINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform and Appearance Policy

From March 2026

Why do we have a school uniform?

- To create a sense of pride and identity in our School, which in turn helps to build our community
- Wearing a uniform creates a 'working environment' mindset and helps to separate home and school life
- Uniform removes any points of difference between students, creating a level playing field and helps promote equality and reduce bullying
- At Tottingham High School we have high standards when it comes to uniform and appearance.

By accepting a place at Tottingham High School- you are accepting our uniform and appearance code

- As with all our policies, we do apply reasonable adjustments for students with additional needs - please contact your child's Pastoral Manager to request
- If you are struggling to meet the costs of replacement items, then please contact your child's Pastoral Manager
- For a full description of correct uniform and prohibited items of uniform, please visit the school website. [School Uniform | Tottingham High School](#)

Pre-loved Uniform

- We are always grateful for any donations for pre-loved (second-hand) uniform to support other students in school. Please hand into main reception.
- This uniform can be purchased at pop-up shops that will be advertised on the school's social media channels/via an Arbor message.
- If any families would like to purchase pre-loved uniform outside of the pop-up shops, please contact the school.
- Parents and carers who are in financial difficulty and need support in obtaining uniform should contact their child's Pastoral Manager, who will support with providing uniform.

School Uniform

We are committed to ensuring our uniform costs are reasonable and we keep branded items to an absolute minimum. **The only THS branded compulsory items are our blazer, tie and PE top**

- **Black school blazer** with THS school logo and values- Kindness, Enthusiasm, Excellence. This can only be purchased from our stockists. This is **compulsory** and must be worn at all times, unless permission is given to remove e.g. for practical lessons, hot weather
- A **white school shirt** which buttons to the neck- tailored shirts/blouses must not be worn
- **Blue tie with THS logo**- This can only be purchased from our stockists
- **Plain V-neck school jumper**. (not sweatshirt material). This is **optional**. No other jumpers/hoodies/jackets/sweatshirts are permitted).
- **Plain, black, school trousers with a suit-cut style**. No jean-style, skinny, flared, or casual trousers or leggings are permitted. Trousers must be worn on the waist. In the summer term **black, tailored shorts (knee length)** can be worn.
- THS pleated, check skirt- **This is optional**. Skirts should not be rolled at the waist/ or altered in length. Skirts should be worn on the knee.
- Hijabs/religious head scarves must be black
- **Plain, black school-shoes**. No trainers/trainer style; no pumps/pump style shoes; no logos; no boots or over the ankle shoes; no heels; no steel toe caps.
- **Plain** black, or white **ankle** socks. Plain black tights in an opaque (non-see-through) style. Ankle socks and tights should not be worn together
- Suitable, dark-coloured (Black/Grey) **outdoor coats** can be worn outside at social times. If the school blazer cannot be worn underneath, it is not an outdoor coat.
- School bag - big enough to hold an A4 folder.
- Well-stocked pencil case

PE Kit

- THS branded PE shirt - this is **compulsory**
- **Plain black, unbranded, loose shorts** (no cycling shorts), tracksuit bottoms, athletics leggings
- Trainers (football boots for grass - based activities (football & rugby)
- Sports socks- black
- Plain Black $\frac{3}{4}$ Zip Midlayer (No Hood)
- Plain Black wind breaker for outside lessons (No Hood)

- Plain unbranded navy blue or black skins can be worn under their school PE kit **(optional)**

Our stockists also carry

- THS branded quarter zip **(optional but recommended)**
- THS branded black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings **(optional)**
- THS branded football socks or white sports socks **(optional)**
- THS branded waterproof jacket (optional) **(optional)**

Hairstyles

- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted e.g. closely shaven heads, patterned hairstyles/eyebrows or unnatural colouring of hair are not acceptable
- The school is the arbiter of what is considered “extreme.” If in doubt, please contact the school.
- Long hair can present a health and safety issue, therefore must be tied back for PE, Science and Technology lessons.
- Students must wear plain black or blue hairbands/ bobbles
- No other hair accessories are permitted, apart from beads in braided hair as part of a protective hairstyle – these should be black/silver/gold

Jewellery

- A wristwatch may be worn. Smart watches are only allowed for telling the time and must not be worn when taking examinations. If you use it as a method of communication/recording, it will be confiscated in- line with our mobile phone policy. (See Behaviour policy)
- Students are allowed to wear only one small stud (no hoops/dangling earrings) in the lowest part of the lower lobe of each ear. No other ear piercings are permitted
- Students are not allowed to wear any other visible body piercings. Piercings should be done at the start of the summer holidays to allow time for healing
- Students are not allowed to cover piercings with a plaster or wear clear piercings
- Students are not allowed to wear any other jewellery, including rings and/or bracelets.

Makeup

- Make-up should be discreet and subtle, for example light-coverage foundation, to cover blemishes, matched to your skin tone.
- Eyebrows and eyelashes should look natural- **we do not allow false eyelashes** (exceptions can be made for medical conditions e.g. alopecia)

- Excessive make-up is not allowed e.g. eyeliner/ highlighter/bronzer/lip gloss/heavy coats of mascara. Students will be required to remove.
- Nails should look natural in colour and style and not be excessively long- **we do not allow false nails**
- Excessive fake tan is not allowed
- Visible tattoos are not allowed and should be covered
- Lines or shapes cut into eyebrows or hair are not allowed
- Pimple patches are not allowed

The school is the arbiter of what is excessive

General presentation

- The top button of shirts must be fastened, and the tie must cover the top button.
- Blazer sleeves must not be rolled
- Students are expected to wear their shirts tucked into trousers / skirts
- School ties must be worn to an acceptable length (3 button rule)
- Students must not write on their hands/legs (Henna on the hands/arms is permitted at times of religious/cultural celebration e.g. Eid)
- Only plain white T shirt vests/underwear may be worn under school shirts; these must not be visible at the collar of the shirt. Students wearing coloured T-shirts will be asked to remove them
- The school jumper must not be tucked into waistbands
- Outdoor coats / jackets / outdoor scarves/ gloves/ hoods **must not** be worn in classrooms/buildings
- Sweatshirts, hooded tops, sports jackets of any description **are not permitted around the site and will be confiscated**
- Hats/caps are not allowed (unless permission is granted for medical reasons)
- In addition to badges given out by school, we do allow wearing of small pin-badges on blazers to show support for things you are passionate about. Badges that may cause offence or unnecessary controversy, will need to be removed.