



# Uniform Guide

# 2023-2024



WHITELANDS  
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## UNIFORM AND SUCCESS

*Our uniform guide has been prepared and reviewed in collaboration with parents and Governors to provide clarity around our expectations, inclusivity and identity. May 2022*

We are proud of the inclusivity, gender neutrality and high standards of our uniform. We aim for every Whitelands student to strive for excellence and success in all that they do. Ensuring a consistently smart school uniform is one of the foundations for high standards in all aspects of school life. This includes a positive work ethic and personal pride. First impressions do count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance we aim to prepare our students to thrive in the world of work. Our uniform guide is designed to help provide clarity around our expectations.

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Day to day
School blazer with badge*
Charcoal grey school trousers
Knee-length Whitelands Kilt*
School tie*
White school shirt
V-necked school-edged jumper (optional)*
Plain black socks or plain black tights
Black traditional school shoes

PE Kit
Navy/scarlet sports top*
Navy/scarlet polo shirt*
Navy/scarlet shorts or skirt*
Navy/scarlet sports socks*
Navy/scarlet track suit bottoms (optional)*
Short white socks
Football boots
Trainers (no black soles)
Towel (optional)
Gum shield and shin pads

## Special considerations

We understand that sometimes our uniform can provide challenges through religious, special educational needs or finance; if these apply to you, we ask you to contact us so we can discuss these and find a way of moving forward.

These items can be purchased through our supplier <https://www.stevenson.co.uk/>

## Equipment

Students are expected to bring each item of equipment on the list below every day. We carefully monitor this as it is important that pupils take responsibility for their learning by being **properly equipped every day**.

- A transparent pencil case
- Two pens with blue or black ink
- One green pen
- Two pencils
- Black dry wipe pen
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- 30 cm ruler
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator e.g. Casio FX83GTX or FX85GTX (These are available from the school)
- Highlighter
- Mastery Card (provided by the school)
- Knowledge organiser folder (provided by the school)
- School planner (provided by the school)

## Mobile phones and other expensive items

At Whitelands we have a no mobile phone policy to promote positive social interaction. We operate a 'See it? Hear it? Lose it' policy for mobile phones. We understand the majority of students will have a mobile with them, but they must be switched off and kept in their bags throughout the entire day. This includes break and lunch times and applies to smart watches as well. The consequence for not following this is being placed on call and the phone confiscated with a parent/carer required to collect the item.

We strongly recommend that pupils do not bring any expensive items into school. The school will not be liable in any way for damage or theft of any personal possessions.

## Footwear

The school expects students to wear 'formal' leather or leather-type shoes as part of the uniform. This can cause some confusion since the term can be subjective. However, to avoid any confusion we have included a number of examples which are appropriate and not appropriate for school. Please help support us by ensuring your child attends the school wearing acceptable shoes.

		
		
Converse (or equivalent) leather or canvas boot	Vans (or equivalent) canvas or leather style trainer	Nike (or other manufactures) trainers

		
✗	✗	✗
Dr Martins (or equivalent boots)	Suede studded shoes	Adidas (or equivalent) leather trainer

		
✓	✓	✓
Ballet Style Pumps	Lace Up Black Patent Shoe	Leather Buckle Band Shoe
		
✓	✓	✓
Formal Lace Up Shoe	Slip on Shoe	Lace Up Shoe

### Labelling clothing

With a dynamic school community, it is very important that families label the uniform of children. Through human error things will occasionally get misplaced so having a label clearly identifying the name of the student will help minimise the risk of loss. Particular items include blazer, coat(s), jumper, tie and especially PE kit.

## **Coats**

When required, students are expected to wear a coat to school. No hoodies or sports clothing classed as an outdoor coat will be allowed.

## **Blazer**

The blazer is a symbol of our school identity. Students are expected to wear their school blazers every day and at all times in corridors and classrooms, unless given permission by a member of staff to remove it. The school jumper is not to be worn in place of the blazer (no cardigans).

## **Trousers**

Should be smart, straight legged, ankle/shoe line in length and mid waist.

Denim, corduroy, chino, tapered, mid length, leggings, skinny-jean style or skin-tight style trousers are not permitted.

## **Kilt (Optional)**

There is an official kilt and it must be worn no more than a credit-card width above or below the knee. The waist band must not be rolled-over.

## **Necklaces**

Any necklace must be worn underneath the shirt and be easily removable for PE lessons (for health and safety reasons).

## **Henna tattoos**

Henna tattoos are not permitted outside of agreed religious festivals.

## **Piercings**

Students may wear one plain metal stud or small metal ear-ring (no larger than 1cm diameter) in each earlobe. No other jewellery is permitted other than for cultural/religious reasons, where clarification should be sought from the school.

## **Make-up and nails**

Make-up, nail varnish/paint/gel or fake nails are not permitted at school.

## **Hair Styles**

Students' hair styles should not be extreme (e.g. shaved in parts and long elsewhere) and hair should be natural in colour.

## **Headgear**

Hats, caps and other headgear should not be worn indoors. They should only be worn to keep the head warm during the winter or to protect from the sun in the summer. Cultural headscarves should be plain black.

## **Cycle Helmets**

Students who choose to cycle to school must wear a cycle helmet to and from school. They may take off their helmet once they have locked their bike, but must put it back on before removing their bikes from the bike sheds.