

Dress Code

Introduction

The purpose of this Dress Code¹ is to state clearly our expectations regarding uniform and personal appearance. At Heritage we expect pupils to dress in a manner that helps create a smart working environment, which helps create a focussed working environment. We hope pupils will take pride in their own appearance and in the fact that they represent the school.

Uniform Information Sheets

Please refer to the parent portal for up-to-date uniform information sheets. These indicate clearly what clothing items pupils are expected to wear. Any deviation from the expectations communicated by the uniform information sheets requires specific authorisation in advance.

The year begins with pupils in the summer uniform. We switch to winter uniform in late September and back to summer uniform in early May.

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Pupils are expected to wear the uniform items identified on the uniform information sheets. In addition, please note the following points:

Blazers: Blazers are to be worn year round to and from school from Year 3, unless notified otherwise due to hot weather. Blazers should always be worn to assemblies and other formal school events. Juniors can put their blazers on the backs of their chairs during lessons. Seniors must wear blazers to and from each lesson; they can put them on the backs of their chairs during lessons.

Overcoats over blazers:

- Juniors and Seniors: When travelling to and from school the blazer should be worn as the top layer unless there is a need for an overcoat due to rain, cold or for cycling safety (see below).
- The Heritage coat should be the overcoat worn by Juniors, should one be required.
- Pupils cycling to school must wear a high visibility jacket and a helmet. For those cycling, blazers may be carried in backpacks, rather than worn, if necessary.

Shoes: Pupils must wear smart conventional shoes that are polishable. They must be black. 'Doc Marten' style boots, platform shoes and trainers are unacceptable.

Jewellery: Simple studs are the only acceptable style of earring. Those wearing stud earrings need to tape them during games lessons; pupils are responsible to have their own tape for this purpose. The dress code excludes necklaces and bracelets as well as facial piercings. A discreet nose stud is acceptable.

Makeup: Mascara and concealer is acceptable for girls in Year 10 and Year 11 only as long as it looks natural. Nail varnish and lipstick are unacceptable.

Skirt length: Senior girls must ensure that their skirt touches their calf at the back with leg bent at a 90 degree angle.

¹ Note: this document is currently referred to in the parent contract as our 'Uniform Policy'.

Hair: Any form of extreme hair style is unacceptable. Hair accessories (bands, clips, ribbons, etc.) should either be in school colours or neutral. For sports matches girls must wear their hair back in an elastic hair band.

Non-compliance

If an Infant or Junior pupil's appearance is not in keeping with our Dress Code parents will receive an email alerting them what needs to be changed.

Senior pupils will be expected to assume responsibility for making any changes themselves. If concerns are repeatedly not addressed, they will be given a Friday after school detention.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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