

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



SIXTH FORM UNIFORM POLICY

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Our Sixth Form uniform policy and dress code have been drawn up in consultation with students, parents, staff and members of the local community, including faith groups.

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. Through our uniform and dress codes we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Ensure that girls of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome
- Encourage a sense of equality and cohesion
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way

In this way, the uniform and dress codes contribute to the overall aims of the school.

We expect all students to observe a **smart dress code** with a high standard of tidiness and smartness. Although we wish students to be able to exercise some personal choice, **the code of dress is one suitable for a working environment, avoiding items which are too casual.**

The sixth form uniform for September 2023 will be black and white and should be worn as follows:

- A plain black smart jacket
- **Smart black/black-white pinstriped trousers** (styles such as denim, cropped trousers, hipsters and leggings are not permitted) or **smart black skirt**, worn **close to the knees** (no tube styles)
- A **smart black / white / black and white blouse** (long or short sleeved) not T-shirts or vest tops – patterned blouses are acceptable if black and white
- Alternatively, a **smart black knee-length dress** (which would be appropriate in a business environment) can be worn with a plain black smart jacket
- Black plain long-sleeved cardigan or jumper if required
- Belt – should be discrete and black or white in colour
- Smart black / black-white shoes without a heel
- No trainers, casual shoes or ankle boots

Other Uniform Expectations:

- Subtle jewellery and make-up are permitted. Fake tan is not permitted.
- Beading is permitted in school colours (Black, grey, white). Unnatural hair colouring is not permitted, the interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows:
 - a colour that is not found within the natural hair colour spectrum, i.e. bright, extreme or vivid colour (e.g. pink, blue or purple)
 - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast (e.g. dip dye hairstyles)
- Other facial piercings are not permitted
- No tattoos that are visible whilst wearing school uniform or PE kit.
- Students may wear a religious headscarf provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and dark blue, grey or black.
- Outdoor clothing, including coats, hats and scarves, must be removed on arrival at school and not worn around the main school building.
- Outdoor coats should be smart (no extremes of colour or style)

- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn in school unless specific permission is given (e.g. on leavers day)

Sixth Form PE kit

Sixth Form students will be expected to purchase regulation PE kit from Newport Sports shop to wear for their PE lessons and extra-curricular activities.

A range of options are available to suit individual preference.

Regulation sky blue and navy blue polo-shirt
Regulation navy blue shorts
Regulation navy blue leggings
Regulation navy blue tracksuit bottoms
Regulation navy blue hooded jumper

No other items of PE kit will be permitted and repeated incidents will be reported to the Head of Sixth Form.

The Head of Sixth Form will deal with all matters relating to uniform. The decision as to what constitutes acceptable uniform rests with the Head of Sixth Form and Headteacher. Photographs of suitable clothing styles are shown for information on the next page.

Cost of PE Kit

We want to ensure that the cost of PE kit does not deter any girl from applying to the school, nor leads to students feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. All regulation items provided by the school stockist compare **very favourably** with other providers. Parents who are unable to provide their child with the required items of PE kit should contact the school. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity. The PE kit suppliers, costs and quality of the uniform are reviewed annually to ensure that parents are provided with good quality clothing at an affordable price. There is also the option to purchase second hand uniform from the school; please contact Mrs Gill via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk for further information.

Enforcement of the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of parents and Sixth Form students to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform and PE kit (see the Home School Agreement). Form tutors are responsible for monitoring uniform; all staff have a responsibility for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on the school site.

All staff are responsible for monitoring uniform and enforcing the policy. Any student who does not comply with the uniform expectations will be challenged about this. Infringements will lead to disciplinary action in line with our behaviour policy, this may include: behaviour points, being loaned appropriate items to wear instead, items being confiscated, being suspended from lessons until the situation has been resolved.

Issues Arising from the Policy

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons, such as medical needs, will always be carefully considered.

Students should raise issues with their tutor and Head of Year; they may also request that uniform matters, including proposals for change, be put onto the agenda of Year and School Council meetings.

Policy Reviews

Our uniform regulations are reviewed regularly and includes consideration of uniform items, supply, cost and value for money. This is due for review again in 2024.

EXEMPLAR UNIFORM



Black jacket, white blouse



Smart black dress with black jacket



Appropriate skirt length



Black and white striped shirt acceptable