

## **NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY FOR YEARS 7 - 11**

Our uniform policy and dress code has 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.

### **Uniform**

**Regulation** items of uniform should be purchased through the school stockist, Mary's Tots and Teens, Newport. The current list is as follows:

- **Regulation** white revere collared three quarter sleeved blouse (no ties).
- **Regulation** v-neck navy blue sweater embroidered with school badge (other jumpers may not be worn).
- **Regulation** navy blue skirt, **worn close to the knee**.
- **Regulation** navy blue trousers, waist fitting, straight leg or with small bootleg (ie. not covering footwear) flare.
- Navy blue blazer with school badge (school badge available from the office). A navy blue blazer with embroidered school crest is also available from the school stockist.
- Navy blue reversible fleece/waterproof also available from school stockist.
- Plain black, navy or white socks or black, navy or flesh coloured tights.
- Black flat/low heeled shoes suitable for wearing during the day and to and from school.
- Plain, suitable coat for cold/wet weather (denim, brightly or multi-coloured coats, leather and suede jackets are not permitted).
- Outdoor clothing, including coats, hats and scarves, must be removed on arrival at school.
- When hair is tied back, a scrunchie, hairband, clip or ribbon that is plain blue, black or in a colour that naturally blends with the hair should be used. Hair must be tied back for practical activities.
- Beading and unnatural hair colouring are not permitted, the interpretation of 'unnatural' is as follows:
  - a colour that is not found within the natural hair colour spectrum, ie. bright, extreme or vivid colour
  - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast.
- Jewellery is not permitted; however, a lightweight gold or silver chain with a small religious symbols is permissible.
- One single small stud in each ear is permitted; the stud must be worn in the lower part of the earlobe and should be removed for PE and games; students wearing studs in their ears, other than in their lobes, will be expected to remove them.
- Other body piercings are not permitted.
- No tattoos that are visible whilst wearing school uniform or PE kit.

- Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.
- Fingernails must be short and nail extensions of any kind may not be worn.
- Garments covering the face or whole body are not permitted.
- Muslim students who wish to wear the hijab (headscarf) may do so, provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and dark blue or black.

### **Cost of Uniform**

We want to ensure that the cost of uniform 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 daughter with the required items of school uniform should contact the school. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity. The uniform suppliers, costs and quality of the uniform are reviewed annually to ensure that parents are provided with good quality clothing at an affordable price.

### **Enforcement of the Uniform Policy**

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their daughter comes to school in the correct uniform (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.

A student wearing non-uniform clothing will be sent to the office to change into uniform clothing for the remainder of the day. In the event of repeated uniform infringements or unacceptable hair colour, parents will be contacted and the student will risk being sent home. In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item, which may be confiscated.

### **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 House; 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 parents, pupils and staff will be consulted; the review includes consideration of uniform items, supply, cost and value for money.**