



NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY FOR SIXTH FORM

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.

Issues arising from the policy

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance with the Head of Sixth Form. 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 annually; the review includes consideration of uniform items, supply, cost and value for money. Parents, students and staff are consulted regularly and no less frequently than every two years. The last consultation was in June 2018 involving the Sixth Form Council.

UNIFORM

We expect you to observe a **smart dress code** with a high standard of tidiness and smartness. Although we wish you 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 2018 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

In addition, please observe the following dress code:

- Subtle jewellery and make-up are permitted. Fake tan is not permitted.
- 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 (eg. crimson red or purple)
 - a combination of colours that is easily visible or stark in contrast (eg. dip dye hairstyles)
- Earrings may be worn in the lower part of the earlobe only. These will have to be removed on the instruction of staff for practical lessons
- Other facial piercings are not permitted
- No tattoos that are visible whilst wearing school uniform or PE kit.
- 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 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)

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.

June 2018

EXEMPLAR UNIFORM



Black jacket, white blouse



Smart black dress with black jacket



Appropriate skirt length



Black and white striped shirt acceptable