

## Uniform Policy 2026-2027

At The Ferrers School, we have a ‘feel smart-think smart’ approach to school uniform to encourage students to have a positive self-image and take pride in representing the school.

The smart, practical uniform should be worn in a way that reflects our ethos of high standards and pride in being a member of the school community. The uniform should be worn correctly on the way to and from school. We expect that the uniform will be clean, and tidy and avoid extremes of fashion and individual modifications.

The uniform is also about equity. We work to make it affordable and easy for all students and families. We believe that a sensible uniform ensures that students and families can attend school free from the pressure to conform to wider societal expectations around expensive brands or fashions.

In accordance with the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 the school only requires three items of school branded uniform, **a tie, blazer or jumper and PE top** to be purchased. All other items can be sourced from alternative suppliers. All of these items are available from SWI, our [online retailer](#).

Our uniform at The Ferrers School is not gender specific. That means that these rules apply to all students equally.

Our uniform requirements are listed below. **If you require any clarification regarding what is or is not acceptable, please contact your child’s form tutor or House team. If in doubt, please consult us before purchasing items.**

### **Compulsory School Uniform Items for all Students in Years 7-11**

All the uniform to be worn by students in Years 7 to 11 is available to be purchased from SWI, [online retailer](#)

- **LOGOED Navy school blazer or jumper** – Navy, logoed with the school badge purchased from SWI online retailer
- **Trousers** – Plain black, full-length, suit-style trousers (no leggings, jeans, chinos, or cropped trousers) **or Skirt** – Plain black skirt in a suit-style material and worn at knee length (no lycra or legging material/mini skirt styles)
- **Shirt** – Plain light blue, long or short-sleeved, button-through with pointed collar (to be worn tucked in and fastened at the top button)
- **Tie** – Official Ferrers School tie from SWI (colour stripe dependent on house membership)
- **Shoes** - Traditional black smart shoes, plain black boots of ankle height or plain black trainers. All footwear needs to be **all black**, including soles, trims, logos, laces and any other part of the shoe/trainer (no Vans/Converse style, plimsolls or steel-tipped shoes). **If students wear trainers to school, they must bring a different pair of appropriate trainers/footwear for PE (to ensure indoor spaces remain clean and safe), in line with the expectations of the PE uniform below**
- Plain black/nude tights or plain black or white socks (leggings are not to be worn in place of tights).

### **Optional Items**

- **Coats and Jackets** – Waterproof outdoor coats should be worn to and from school and at break and lunch times. Coats must be removed upon entry to the classrooms. Please note that suede jackets, denim jackets, leather jackets, hoodies, quarter zips, tracksuit tops and sports jumpers are not a substitute for a coat and will be confiscated if seen
- **Optional plain, navy, knitted V-neck jumper (no logos) worn under blazer** (crew neck jumpers, quarter zips and any other type of sweatshirt or cardigan are not permitted and will be confiscated if worn

### Optional Summer Uniform from 2027

- **From Easter, for the summer term only**, plain black, tailored shorts may be worn, purchasable from SWI in due course
- **Logoed polo shirts**, purchasable from SWI, can be worn in place of a shirt and tie

### Compulsory PE & Dance Uniform Items for all Students in Years 7-11

- **LOGOED PE T-Shirt** - Navy/Sky blue trim and the school badge, purchasable from SWI
- **Shorts** - Plain navy, loose fitting, football style shorts
- **PE Sports socks** – plain navy, knee-length
- **Trainers** - Any running shoe/sport style accepted (for safety, no footwear or socks permitted in the Dance Studio)
- **Boots** – Plastic moulded/rubber studs (not blades) are compulsory for the new 3G and can also be used on grass surfaces
- **Shin Pads** – Compulsory for any football and hockey lessons
- **Gumshield** – Compulsory for rugby and hockey lessons

### Optional

- **LOGOED Quarter Zip Training Top** – Navy/Sky with zip and school badge, purchasable from SWI (please note that no other hoodies or tracksuit tops are permitted to be worn for PE)
- **Multisport Top** - Navy/Sky, purchasable from SWI
- **Plain navy** base layer
- **Training Pants/jogging bottoms** – Navy
- **Training Leggings** – Navy – (must be full-length and fully opaque)

### **Jewellery**

- A watch
- Up to two small stud earrings in each ear
- One discrete nose stud (any deviation from this is not acceptable)
- One ring is permitted on each hand.
- A necklace, worn tucked into the collar.

Any other jewellery including other facial, body piercings and stretchers, are not permitted on health & safety grounds.

We would advise that all valuable items and/or those of sentimental value be left at home to avoid loss or damage, for which we will not be held responsible.

**All jewellery items must be removed for PE and Dance for Health and Safety reasons – taping will not be permitted so please ensure that any new ear or nose piercings only take place at the start of the summer**

**holidays so they can be removed. Jewellery may need to be removed for other practical subjects: refusal to remove when asked will result in behaviour sanctions being applied and privileges may be removed.**

### **Makeup & Hair Styles**

Make-up, if worn, should be applied naturally and subtly without extreme colour. Natural nail colours only (not in Food lessons). **Acrylic & other false nails are not permitted** on both health and safety grounds and to ensure compliance with exam board regulations.

If hair is coloured, only natural colours should be used. No tramlines or patterns should be shaved into hair/eyebrows. If parents are unsure whether a particular hairstyle will be permitted by the school, they should contact us prior to restyling taking place. Long hair must be tied or secured back for practical lessons.

### **Religious dress**

Religious headwear should be black and no longer than shoulder length and must not obscure the face. Requests for other religious dress not covered in this policy should be made to the Principal in writing for consideration, with reasons given.

**Hats, Gloves and Scarves** (optional) – These may be worn to and from school and during break and lunchtime in cold weather. All items are to be removed upon entry to classrooms unless they are an agreed reasonable adjustment for SEND or medical reasons. Sunhats and sunglasses may be worn in the summer term during break and lunchtime only during hot and sunny weather (sweatbands and bandanas are not permitted).

### **Compliance**

Where a student's uniform does not conform with the school's uniform policy, they will be asked to remove the item(s) concerned and they should comply with this reasonable request. Items which do not form part of the school's uniform policy will be confiscated and placed at main reception until the end of the school day. Repeated confiscations will result in parents/carers being asked to attend school to collect items. Where the student is non-compliant, the situation will be managed in accordance with the academy's Behaviour Policy. One or more of the following sanctions may be used:

- Parents/carers will be contacted, and if required students may be sent home to adapt their appearance or parents/carers may be requested to bring the appropriate items into the academy to ensure compliance with this policy
- If students forget an item of uniform, they may be supplied with items of loan uniform to wear for the day e.g. blazer/jumper or tie and expected to wear it. Non-compliance will result in the application of sanctions in accordance with the Behaviour Policy
- For persistent non-compliance, the Behaviour Policy will be applied.

Although the requirements of students' uniform are set out as clearly as possible in this policy, occasionally anomalies occur. In all cases, the Principal's decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform is final.

### **The Ferrers Sixth Form – Dress Code 'Clean – Comfortable – Appropriate'**

When students join The Ferrers Sixth Form they become role models for their peers and for our younger students in the main school. They are leaders and are often asked to take visitors on tours or represent the school in other ways. Considering this, we expect our sixth-form students to have a smart appearance and dress in an appropriate way for a school environment.

However, we recognise that the workplace our students are preparing for has changed in recent years, with fewer restrictions and greater opportunities to express individuality. Please remember that we are a diverse community, and we have a responsibility to consider the sensibilities of all members. We feel that it is therefore fitting for students to have an element of personal choice and judgement in what they wear, but with this privilege comes a responsibility to dress in an appropriate way.

We do not feel it is necessary to provide an extensive list of expectations and rules; however, we have provided some guidance below to support our students to make informed and appropriate choices as part of our sixth-form dress code.

This is not an exhaustive list, and **we reserve the right to challenge students about their choices where required.**

- Footwear should be appropriate
- No caps or hats in classrooms
- No hoodies
- No bodycon tube dresses or skirts
- No slogans
- No ripped jeans
- No fishnet tights
- No underwear should be visible
- No cropped, skinny strap or backless tops
- No beachwear (including crocs, sliders or flips flops)
- Smart, tailored shorts may be worn in hot weather
- One discrete nose stud piercing only – any other jewellery, facial and body piercings, including stretchers are not permitted on health & safety grounds

The sixth form team make a commitment to be led by the following guiding principles: **clean, comfortable, appropriate.** We ask that students agree to the dress code, as outlined in their initial home-school agreement.

If students arrive at school wearing clothes that do not meet the expectations outlined above, they will be asked to go home and change. Any ongoing issues with the dress code will be addressed by the tutor in the first instance and then in partnership with parents and the sixth form team.

#### Document Control

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