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# **Uniform Policy**

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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.

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 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](#)

**Blazer** – Navy Blue with the school badge. Blazers are compulsory throughout the school year and should be always worn including break and lunchtimes and to and from school. During lessons, members of staff may allow them to be removed – they should then be placed on the back of the chair.

**Trousers** – Plain black, full-length, suit-style trousers. **Not acceptable: leggings, jeans, jeans or denim style, chinos, or cropped (short) trousers.**

**Skirt** – Plain black skirt in a suit-type material like trousers and worn at knee length. **Not acceptable: Mini Skirts, Short Skirts, Skin-tight, Lycra or clinging or stretch materials.**

**Shirt** – Plain light blue, long or short-sleeved, button-through with pointed collar (to be worn tucked in and fastened at the neck)

**Tie** – Official Ferrers School tie from SWI (Colour Stripe dependent on House Membership)

**Jumper** – (optional) Navy Logoed Jumper purchased from SWI online retailer or current navy V-necked jumper. No other Jumpers or sweatshirts will be accepted. Hoodies or sports-logoed sweatshirts and tops worn onsite will be confiscated.

**Shoes** – Formal plain black leather, or leather-look shoes or ankle boots. Shoes and laces must be black. **Not acceptable: trainers, trainer style footwear including Vans/Converse style, sports style footwear or plimsolls, sandals, or steel-tipped shoes.** Shoes should be worn to and from school and around the school site unless a sporting activity is being undertaken. Please see the pictures on the website for further clarification of what constitutes acceptable footwear.

## PE & Dance Uniform

### Compulsory

**PE T-Shirt** - Navy/Sky blue trim and the school badge.

**PE shorts or Skort** - Navy/Silver with the school badge.

**PE Sports socks** - Navy, knee-length with sky blue tops.

**Trainers** - Any running shoe/sport style accepted).

**Boots** – Moulded/Rubber studs are recommended as these can be used on both the 3G and grass surfaces.

**Shin Pads** – Compulsory for any football and hockey lessons.

**Gumshield** – Compulsory for rugby and hockey lessons.

### Optional

**Quarter Zip Training Top** – Navy/Sky with zip and school badge.

**Multisport Top** - Navy/Sky.

**Training Pants** - Navy/Silver.

**Training Leggings** – Navy/Silver.

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

- 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.

Jewellery may need to be removed for practical subjects, refusal to remove when asked will result in behaviour sanctions being applied and privileges may be removed. Any other jewellery including other facial, body piercings and stretchers, are not permitted on health & safety grounds.

### **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.

Hats, sweatbands, and bandanas should not be worn unless they are agreed as a 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.

## 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.

**Socks** – Students should not come to the school without plain socks or tights.

**Coats and Jackets** (optional) – Outdoor coats should be of a dark colour and may be worn to and from school and at break and lunch times. Coats do not replace blazers: they must be worn over the blazers and removed upon entry to the classrooms. **Please note that suede jackets, denim jackets, leather jackets, hoodies, tracksuit tops and sports jumpers must not be worn and will be confiscated if seen.**

**Hats, Gloves and Scarves** (optional) – These may be worn to and from school in cold weather. All items are to be removed once entering the school premises for morning registration. Hats, gloves and scarves may be worn during break and lunch times when weather appropriate but not in lessons. Head scarves may be worn for religious reasons.

**Denim – Not acceptable: Denim, or denim look items of clothing, should not be worn to school at any time. This includes denim jackets and denim trousers.**

## Maintaining Standards

If students are not in full and correct uniform, they can expect one or a combination of the below to be applied:

- On most occasions it may be possible to loan a student an item of clean uniform which must be returned by the following day
- If a student refuses the loaned item they will work in a designated area until the correct uniform is brought to them, or until the uniform is corrected
- A break and lunchtime detention will be sanctioned
- Prohibited items will be subject to confiscation
- The student may be sent home to change with prior consent from parents

## 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
- 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 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.

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