

School Uniform Policy 2021/2022

School uniform must be worn every day in school, at school and state examinations, and at occasions as may be determined by the school, i.e. house and SEC examinations, debates, visits out, etc. Students are encouraged to take pride in wearing their uniform and to keep it in good condition.

Students' appearance must be neat, clean and tidy. Excessive make-up or jewellery may not be worn. Only one small earring per ear allowed. Multiple earrings are not permitted. One small stud may be worn in the nose. Nose rings or any other type of facial piercing jewellery will not be permitted. All other forms of piercing are forbidden. Hair must be well groomed and must not cover the eyes.

Please note that the uniform changed for incoming 1st years, August 2018. The aim being to merge the two existing, gender based uniforms, which reflected the school's two founding Trustees, into one uniform style.

Pupils in older year groups may adopt the new uniform. 'Old' and 'New' uniforms cannot be mixed and matched.

Girls' Uniform 5th and 6th Year ('the Old Uniform')

The girls' uniform consists of a knee length bottle green skirt, a bottle green jumper with school crest, a white polo shirt with collar, a black and red school tie, black tights (or green socks), and flat plain black leather shoes.

Girls may wear uniform black trousers instead of the green skirt. Only uniform trousers, which are available in the Keen House and Ryngs, are allowed. If preferred, the skirt may be worn in warmer weather and the trousers worn in the colder weather.

Boys' Uniform 5th and 6th Year ('the Old Uniform')

The boys' uniform consists of a dark grey school trousers (not cords or jeans), a grey pullover with school crest, school grey shirt, a black and red school tie, and flat plain black leathers shoes.

Girls' Uniform 1st, 2nd 3rd Year and 4th Year ('the New Uniform')

The girls' uniform consists of a knee length black skirt, a grey pullover with school crest, a white blouse with 'revere' collar and full length sleeves, black tights (or black socks), and flat plain black leather shoes.

Girls may wear uniform black trousers instead of the skirt. Only uniform trousers, which are available in the Keen House and Ryngs, are allowed. If preferred, the skirt may be worn in warmer weather and the trousers worn in the colder weather.

Please note that this is a change in the girl's uniform style as follows: The crested pullover changes from green to grey. The skirt changes from green to black. The trousers remain black. The shirt changes to from a polo shirt style to a revere blouse style and there will be no tie. Please note that a polo shirt is not allowed with the new uniform style.

Boys' Uniform 1st, 2nd 3rd Year and 4th Year ('the New Uniform')

The boys' uniform consists of black uniform school trousers, a grey pullover with school crest, white school shirt, a black and red school tie, and flat, plain, black, leather shoes.

Please note that this is a change in the boy's uniform style as follows: The shirt changes from grey to white and the trousers from dark grey to black. Boys must continue to wear the school tie.

NOTE for all students:

School jackets with the school crest are **compulsory** for all students and no other jacket is acceptable. School jackets are only available in Ryngs and the Keen House. *The new uniform school jacket remains the same. However, to protect against property loss, all 1st years are required to have their initials sown into the upper left sleeve in the colour as outlined below.* The following are not acceptable – Runners, canvas or sports shoes of any kind, shoes with a visible logo, high heels, platform heels and shoes/laces that contain another colour besides black. 'Dubarry' type shoes are navy, not black and have white soles. They are not acceptable as uniform shoes.

Fleece

A school fleece with the crest and initials will be available from Ryngs and the Keen house. This is an optional extra uniform item – the jacket remains mandatory. The fleece is not a replacement for the school jumper.

Colour Coding of Sewn Initials for Sleeve of School Jackets and Fleeces

To protect against property loss, jackets for 1st years 2021/2022 2020/2021, 2019/2020 and 2018/2019 and *all fleeces* are required to have their owner's initials sown into the upper left sleeve. The lettering is colour coded by year of entry to the school. This service is available from Ryngs and the Keen House but will require time following fitting to allow the initials to be sewn.

1st Year 2021/2022 - white

1st year 2020/2021 – red

1st Year 2019/2020 – lilac

1st year 2018/2019 – lime green

1st Year 2017/2018 - electric blue

1st Year 2016/2017 - orange

Physical Education Clothing

The policy does not mandate specific sportswear. However, non-marking runners with good support and grip are essential for protecting the indoor courts and for safety. Clothing for Physical Education classes must be appropriate, e.g. tracksuit or shorts, t-shirt and jumper. *Tracksuit bottoms or unbranded leggings must be black in colour.*

Parents / Guardians, please note these school rules regarding uniform. It is expected that each student would have two sets of uniform. We would very much appreciate your co-operation in this matter and ask you to take responsibility for getting students to present themselves in full uniform on time each day. Failure to comply with the regulations may result in the student being sent home to change, which can waste time for all concerned. A medical cert must be provided for very exceptional medical reasons.

Notes or excuses will not be accepted on a regular or continuous basis