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Dress Code and Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all students should wear College uniform when attending College, or when participating in a College-organised event outside normal College hours, unless otherwise stated. We provide a complete list of the items needed for College uniform in our College prospectus which is available online and the relevant section attached herewith.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a College uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the College;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies our students with the College;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- has been designed by our students with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow students to wear excessive amounts of jewellery in our College as outlined in the attached excerpt from the prospectus. Students are permitted to wear a single finger ring and one small stud in each earlobe (which should be removed during sporting activities and in the workshops).

Parents/carers should also be aware that tattoos and the wearing of eye jewellery, large or "hoop" earrings, nose rings and other facial or muscle jewellery is not permitted. Where these are in place a plastic replacement should be worn for health and safety reasons. Once an area is healed they should be removed completely.

Extreme haircuts

The College does not permit students to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other students.

Footwear

The College wants all students to grow into healthy adults. We do not allow students to wear trainers in College; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of our College uniform. All our students are expected to wear full shoes at all times with the only exception of P.E.

Sanctions

The College reserves the right to apply appropriate sanctions to students who exhibit extremes of body decoration, behaviour or dress not appropriate to the College environment. Students who are in College without their correct uniform may be required to go home and change or parents/carers may be asked to bring a change of clothing to College. Students wearing incorrect uniform may have those items confiscated for return at the end of the College day.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our College for their support of the College uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to College correctly dressed and ready for their daily work. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct full uniform (including shoes), and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer would like the College to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to Mrs Simmons, Headteacher. The College welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the College uniform the College will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of College uniform prove problematic for a student with disabilities then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Mrs Simmons. The College will not treat students with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the College uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the College uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our College uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the College uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents/carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body annually

Appendix 1

College Uniform

We expect a high standard of personal appearance and very much appreciate parent/carers support in achieving this. All students are expected to wear the appropriate agreed Sports College dress at all times in College and for education related visits:

Black blazer with embroidered badge *

College tie *

White shirt

Plain grey V-neck jumper (optional) – no logos, no cardigans

Plain black, full length tailored trousers or black knee length skirt

Black shoes (not trainers)

* These items are purchased through the main reception at College.

Excessive jewellery should not be worn within College. Students are permitted to wear a single finger ring and one small stud in each earlobe (which should be removed during sporting activities and in the workshops). The wearing of eye jewellery, large or “hoop” earrings, nose rings and other facial or muscle jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons.

Outside coats and scarves should not be worn inside the building at any time.

Hats and hoods must not be worn anywhere on the college site.

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Physical Education Kit

All students must be provided with the following items for Physical Education lessons:

Westfield Sports College PE shirt *

Westfield Sports College Rugby shirt *

Navy blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms

White ankle socks

Trainers

Swimming trunks above the knee (boys)

One piece swimming costume (girls)

In addition students may find the following items desirable:

Sweatshirt for outdoor use (any colour)

Navy or black knee length socks (football/hockey)

Shin pads

Boots suitable for activities on the field

*These items are purchased through the main reception at College.