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# School Uniform Policy

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## Rationale

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At the Blue Coat School, we are part of a community where the highest levels of excellence are expected by all. This is underpinned by a strong set of beliefs and values which ensure that every pupil is all that they can be and all that they are meant to be. In keeping with our values and beliefs, all students are expected to proudly wear the Blue Coat School uniform. We firmly believe that wearing a school uniform enables our young people to feel part of our community and to establish a sense of identity and unity amongst their peers. Wearing the school uniform also assists in the provision of a safe school environment, where all pupils feel a sense of belonging.

### Main School Uniform

- Navy blazer with school badge.
- Mid-grey conventional / bootleg school trouser (not black).
- A mid-grey skirt in a 2-pleated back and front style (not straight). The skirt must not be more than 6cm above the knee. No other designs are acceptable.
- A white shirt blouse with a school tie. The blouse may have long or short sleeves. The blouse/shirt to be worn inside the skirt. In the summer term Gingham reverse collar blouses can be worn (blue and white check).
- A navy-blue V-necked plain pullover may be worn under the blazer.
- Hijabs (optional) must be plain navy with no lace edging or logos (white may be worn in the summer term). In the interest of health and safety they must be worn in such a way that there are no loose ends which could be hazardous to the student. Students must be facially identifiable at all times.
- White ankle socks to be worn, girls may also wear black plain opaque tights instead of socks.
- Plain black, sturdy sensible school shoes, i.e. low heeled (4cms maximum), NOT boots, trainers or 'pumps' or canvas material.
- Outdoor coat in predominantly blue, grey or black, or a similar dark colour. A contrasting stripe in a paler blue, grey, white or yellow is acceptable in the interests of safety. Discreet branding will be permitted, however, large motifs on coats are not acceptable. Denim and leather jackets are also not acceptable. Hooded sweatshirts and other fashion garments are not acceptable.
- Coats should not be worn around school, they should be kept in lockers or carried in a bag.

\*Please note that not all footwear available on the high street that are marketed as 'school shoes' meet the Blue Coat guidelines. For further clarification, please see the additional footwear guidance on the website.

### PE Equipment

#### Compulsory Items

- Black & Gold training Top with Blue Coat logo
- Black training shorts with Blue Coat logo
- Black knee length sports socks
- White ankle socks
- Towel for shower taken after every outdoor lesson, optional for indoor lesson.
- Football boots.
- Trainers.

## Optional Items

- Black & Gold 1/4 zip long sleeve Top with Blue Coat logo
- A black long sleeved and/or legging-style base layer may be worn under the regulation kit during the colder months

Pupils may continue to wear existing PE kit until it is outgrown.

**Students who are not doing PE due to injury/illness will still be expected to bring and wear their PE kit in order to participate in an alternative role in the lesson.**

## Special Circumstances

- There may at times be circumstances which allow some alternatives in kit, for example on religious/cultural/medical grounds. These will be addressed on an individual basis. Parents may contact the PE department for more information.
- In the case of severe weather.
- When boots are worn for the journey to and from school a pair of shoes should be brought to wear in school.

## Hair and Cosmetics

- Hair must be natural or natural-looking. Fine highlights are allowed to improve self-presentation as long as the final product is natural-looking. Thick blocks or stripes are not allowed. Unnatural colours such as red/purple/pink are not allowed. Hair should be arranged tidily in a conventional style ("sculptured" hair is not permitted). For safety and practicality, long hair must be tied back from the face at the nape of the neck. For the purposes of this policy, long hair is classed as below the nape of the neck. A navy blue, yellow, black or white ribbon, hairband or elasticated tie-back may be worn.
- Make-up, nail varnish, false eyelashes and false nails (including false nails with a 'natural finish') are not allowed and must not be worn in school.

## Jewellery

- A wristwatch may be worn in school, but all other jewellery must be left at home. Watches must be removed for PE lessons.

## Body art, piercings and tattoos

- In Years 7 – 11 piercings are not allowed. Earrings may not be worn in school.
- In the Sixth Form pierced earrings may be worn. However, facial and other piercings are not allowed.
- Body art and tattoos are not allowed throughout the school.
- Parents and young people should be aware that the law does not allow children under the age of 16 to give their consent for intimate piercings. Nipple piercings come into this category.
- The Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 makes it illegal for anyone to tattoo a young person under the age of 18.

## School Bag

- A school bag is needed to hold books, PE kit and coat. An additional bag may be used.

## ***Boys' Uniform Regulations – Years 7 to 11***

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- Charcoal grey (not black) conventional school trousers (material should be suit like, not denim.)
- A white shirt with the school tie, the shirt may have long or short sleeves. The shirt to be worn inside the trouser.
- A navy V-neck plain pullover may be worn underneath the blazer.
- Dark grey, navy-blue or black socks.
- Plain black, sturdy sensible school shoes. NOT boots, trainers or 'pumps' or canvas material.
- Outdoor coat in predominantly blue, grey or black, or a similar dark colour. A contrasting stripe in a paler blue, grey, white or yellow is acceptable in the interests of safety. Discreet branding will be permitted, however, large motifs on coats are not acceptable. Denim and leather jackets are also not acceptable. Hooded sweatshirts and other fashion garments are not acceptable.
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## Hair

- Hair should be smart and appropriate for school. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. There must be no patterns/tram lines. Where long hair is worn it must be tied back for reasons of safety. For the purposes of this policy, long hair is classed as below the nape of the neck.

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## **Enforcement**

Where it is deemed a young person is not in the correct uniform or where their general appearance does not fall in line with the policy, this may be dealt with in a number of ways which may include:

- Uniform card
- Detention
- Social Exclusion
- Uniform report
- Makeup report
- Parental contact
- Internal Exclusion

The Headteacher reserves the right to send any pupil home who is deemed as inappropriately dressed or presented for school.