CWMBRAN HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy May 2023

UNIFORM

We require all pupils to attend school dressed smartly in school uniform in order to ensure high standards in all aspects of school life, including a positive work ethic and conduct in and around school. We thank parents in advance for supporting our school uniform expectations.

Cwmbran High will continually monitor the quality of pupils' uniform and encourage pupils to develop a sense of pride in themselves. First impressions do count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance we aim to prepare our pupils for the world of work.

As families, purchasing uniform and ensuring your child arrives to school dressed appropriately can be very stressful. Our uniform guide is designed to support families with this, by detailing our expectations with regard to uniform. This will help all families prepare for the new term in September.

We aim to ensure that all of our pupils look smart and feel part of our school community, but not at the undue expense of families. While the school has a strong partnership with Pretty Miss in Cwmbran, it is important for families to know that only official school uniform needs to be purchased from Pretty Miss. We have ensured as a school that the cost of our uniform is affordable yet of the highest quality. All official items (school tie and logo badge) are only available from Pretty Miss. However, all other items can either be purchased from our supplier, other clothing stores or supermarkets. Please do not think that every item has to be purchased from one supplier.

We hope our uniform guide provides both pupils and families with clarity around our uniform expectations.

We do have the highest expectations of our pupils and throughout the academic year, pupils should expect to be challenged by staff where they fail to meet our expectations with regard to school uniform. This applies particularly to footwear, where pupils can expect to be asked to wear 'shoes' provided by school in the event of arriving in unacceptable footwear.

Thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions regarding our uniform expectations then please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of our pastoral team who will be more than willing to help.

MAIN SCHOOL UNIFORM

All pupils in Years 7 – 11 are expected to wear school uniform as outlined below. It is important to note that a black blazer is compulsory along with the school tie. The expectation for uniform is:

- **White Shirt** (please ensure the collar is large enough as the top button will be done up at all times)
- **School Tie**
- ***Optional Black Cotton V-neck Jumper / cardigan** (No hoodies/ sweatshirts)
- **Black Blazer.** Black Blazers are compulsory in Year 7 in the first instance. These are available from various retailers. Blazers with the school badge are available from Pretty Miss. School badges are also available from Pretty Miss should parents/ carers wish to sew onto a plain blazer
- **Black tailored trousers** (not tight or skinny fit- no leggings or jeans) / black tailored shorts or **Black knee length skirt.**
- **Black or grey socks/tights**
- **Plain black shoes -** (trainers are not permitted)
- **Plain coat / jacket** (no *large* logos or patterns, no sleeveless coats or any type of hoodies will be allowed)
- **No jewellery apart from one stud in each ear, one flat ring and a watch**
- **No facial piercing or tunnel / spike earrings** (Pupils will be asked to remove and the item confiscated.
- **No extreme hair colour or styles** (Natural colours only) - pupils will be instructed to wash out extreme colours when they return home and tie hair up if possible for the remainder of the day. Tramlines or patterns in hair are not permitted.
- **No obvious make-up or nail varnish**

PE Uniform

Boys

- Plain black T shirt – Round neck
- Plain black shorts
- Black rugby socks
- studded football / rugby boots and suitable trainers *(Not daps)*

Optional items:

- Reversible rugby top
- Polo top
- Black and purple shorts
- School rugby socks
- Quarter Zip black top
- Black base-layer top (‘skin’)

Girls

- Plain black T shirt – Round neck
- Plain black shorts
- White socks
- Suitable trainers / training shoes *(not daps)*

Optional items:

- Polo top
- Black and purple shorts/skort
- Quarter Zip black top
- Black base-layer top (‘skin’)
- Plain black leggings

Labelling clothing

With over 1100 pupils in our school it is important that families label the uniform of children. Uniform will occasionally become misplaced so having a label clearly identifying the name of the pupil will help reduce the risk of loss.

Coats

We encourage pupils to wear a coat to school, when required. However, coats should not have any large logos on them. Coats must not be worn inside the school building.

Blazer

The blazer is a symbol of our school identity. Pupils are expected to wear their school blazers every day to and from school. They should also wear the blazer inside the school buildings, unless given permission by a member of staff to remove it.

Trousers

Denim, corduroy, chino, tapered, skinny-jean style or skin-tight style trousers are not permitted. Students are expected to wear black trousers which sit smartly at the waist and on the ankle/shoe line.

Skirts

There is no official school skirt. However, any skirt worn to school must be black and the length of the skirt should be appropriate for a school and/or workplace environment.

Jewellery

Any necklace must be worn underneath the shirt and easily removed for PE lessons (for health and safety reasons). Pupils may wear a plain metal stud only. All other piercings are not acceptable. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Footwear

We expect our pupils to wear leather or leather-type shoes with a low heel. Black trainers including popular designs such as Converse, Nike, Vans etc or boots are unacceptable. Please check with your child's head of year if you are unsure.

If your child has a medical condition that requires a reasonable adjustment to the above then please contact your child's head of year.

Make-up and nails

We do not encourage students to wear make-up or nail varnish to school. However, if make-up is worn, it must be subtle and discrete.

Hair

Hair should be natural in colour. Hats and baseball caps should not be worn inside the school building. They should only be worn to keep the head warm during the winter or to protect from the sun in the summer.

Religious head coverings

A number of world faiths wear head coverings as a symbol of their identity. The school does not specify a particular colour of head covering (for pupils who are required to wear one for religious reasons) as the style may vary dependent on cultural differences.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the school day. We accept however, that pupils may wish to bring their mobile phone with them to use on their way to and from school. Please be aware that the mobile phone remains the responsibility of the pupil and the school cannot be held liable for any loss, breakage or theft.

The Headteacher’s decision regarding uniform is final.