

Parmiter's School School Uniform Policy

Great importance is attached to the wearing of school uniform (Years 7-11) and uniform dress in the Sixth Form. This is regarded as an essential aspect of setting high expectations across the School. Our uniform identifies us as part of the Parmiter's Family and makes us recognisable in the wider community. As such, it is imperative that it is worn with pride and in accordance with this policy

Students are not normally allowed to wear training shoes except at lunch time, nor for travel to or from school. Students who have permission not to wear complete school uniform must carry a note signed by their Form Tutor / Head of Year.

Our Uniform Principles

This policy has been produced in compliance with the following guidance from the Department for Education

- <u>School Uniforms</u>
- Cost of School Uniforms

This policy aims support the ethos and school to:

- Foster the community ethos of the school
- Encourage a sense of equality and cohesion
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Ensure that students of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome
- Support achievement and teaching and learning
- Provide a safe and secure environment in which students learn how to dress appropriately.

We appreciate that the cost of school uniform can be a worry for many families and we endeavour through regular review of this policy, and working closely with our uniform suppliers, to keep the cost of school uniform as affordable as possible. Many of the school uniform items are available from high street stores and branded items have been kept to a minimum. In addition to our uniform suppliers, our Parents Association oversees the sale of second-hand uniform on a regular basis. Dates for second hand uniform sales are circulated via Parentmail and are listed on our school website.

Hairstyle

Students' hairstyle and colour should be of conventional appearance. We recommend that hair is not cut shorter than a grade 2 (clipper). There must be no shaved lines or patterns. This also applies to shaved eyebrows. Hair must be the student's natural colour. This also applies to braids. Only plain (navy, white or black), functional and safe hair accessories are allowed. If a breach of this code cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of staff, it may result in a specified period of internal isolation of the student at break and/or lunchtimes. Changes in hair fashions may require staff to apply their judgement to ensure appearances are acceptable and reasonable.

Make-up and Jewellery

Make-up, nail varnish, acrylic nails, gel nails, shellac nails and nail extensions of any kind are not permitted. False eye lashes and fake tan are also forbidden.

Jewellery, apart from one plain gold or silver ear stud (with no stones or other embellishments or patterns) in the lobe of each ear, is not permitted. No other piercings are allowed. Students with non-permitted jewellery will be asked to remove it, recent piercings are not an acceptable excuse for failing to comply.

Rings and other jewellery are not permitted. Tattoos are not permitted. Badges (with the exception of those connected with school) may not be worn.

Religious jewellery may be worn discreetly under clothing and should not be visible.

All jewellery must be removed prior to Physical Education lessons so not to pose a risk to the wearer and those around them.

School Uniform Options			
Blazer	Navy blue with school badge		
Shirt & Tie / Blouse	Option 1 - Shirt Must be white and of conventional material and design. Shirts must be tucked into trousers and worn with the top button done up at all times. Long or short sleeves are acceptable. Shirts must be worn with a school tie, with four stripes visible below the knot.		
	Option 2 - Parmiter's School Blouse School sky blue and white striped blouse (to be purchased from the official school outfitters). Blouses must be tucked into skirts/trousers at all times. Blouses are available with long and short sleeves.		
	Option 3 - White Blouse Must be white with a revere collar . Long or short sleeves are acceptable. Blouses should be tucked into skirts/trousers at all times.		
Trousers / Skirt	Option 1 - Trousers Trousers must be black and of conventional style and material. 'Skinny fit' trousers are not permitted.		
	Option 2 - Skirt Navy blue, medium length (i.e. no shorter than 76mm (3") above the knee), regulation style to be purchased from the official school outfitters.		
Socks	Must be plain black. Low cut socks are not permitted.		
Jumper / Pullover (Optional)	Must be v-neck style and navy blue. No other types of jumper are permitted.		
Shoes	Must be black, plain, low heeled (less than 51mm) and of conventional style (not canvas or trainer style). Pump style shoes are not recommended as they do not provide sufficient cover for the foot when working in Science or D&T. Boots are not permitted.		

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Additional items for all uniform options		
Coat	Must be of plain style (no large motifs), navy blue or black. Sweatshirts, hooded jumpers and tracksuit tops are not permitted. Leather jackets/coats or imitation leather jackets/coats are not permitted.	
Scarf (Optional)	School scarf or plain navy blue or black.	
Hats & Gloves	Plain style, navy blue or black - to be worn to and from school only.	

Additional Information

Students should be clean shaven.

In winter, boots may be worn to and from school, but shoes are to be worn during the normal working day. During excessively cold spells, students will be allowed to wear boots throughout the day, but only when specifically notified by the Senior Leadership team.

School Uniform Suppliers

DJ Uniforms 45 High Street Bushey Herts WD23 1BD www.djuniforms.co.uk Stevensons 131-135 Victoria Street St Albans, Herts AL1 3XS www.stevensons.co.uk

Watford School Uniforms 222 St Albans Road Watford Herts WD24 4AU www.watfordschooluniforms.co.uk

Sixth-Form Dress Code

The Sixth Form Dress Code is still a uniform but it is designed to allow some flexibility of choice. As role models and leaders of our student community, Sixth Form students are expected to set an example to the rest of the school through high standards of dress and behaviour.

Uniform	Allowed	Not allowed
Suit	Trouser suitSkirt suitDress suit	
Shirt or blouse	• Plain or discrete pattern	 T-shirt with a logo Strappy tops Blouses with plunging necklines or cut away at the back Tops which show midriff Off the shoulder tops Polo shirts / sportswear

Tie (Optional)	• Sixth Form, prefect of School Colours design.	
Jacket (Compulsory)	• Suit style / blazer	Casual jacketLeather jacketDenim jacket
Jumper or cardigan	• Plain	HoodiesSweatshirtsSportswear
Dresses	Pinafore dressesShift dresses	
Trousers	Full lengthTailoredPlain or discrete pattern	 Jeans Trousers with bold patterns Leggings Shorts
Skirts	 Reasonable length Plain or discrete pattern	Short skirts
Shoes	• Smart, plain leather shoes or boots	TrainersHigh heelsCanvas shoes
Tights or socks	• Plain	Patterned or knee length socksPatterned tights

Other rules regarding Sixth-Form appearance:

- Hair should be of a natural colour
- Jewellery should be discrete
- Tattoos: It is illegal for people under the age of 18 to get a tattoo. This legislation was brought in under the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969. This is the case even if the minor is accompanied by their parents. The school could report a tattooist should they tattoo a minor. This would lead to prosecution and a fine for that tattooist.
- A jacket MUST be worn at all times when moving around the school, with all styles of uniform.