

# GORDON'S SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM & APPEARANCE

### INTRODUCTION

At Gordon's we believe in the importance of high standards of school uniform as a means of encouraging students to feel a sense of pride and purpose. High standards of uniform contribute to the ethos of the school and it is the responsibility of all members of staff to ensure that students are correctly dressed and look smart and formal at all times. They should take action if necessary and students who continually breach the rules on school uniform should be referred to the Head of House or Assistant Head (Pastoral).

Full details of school uniform are sent to all parents/guardians when their child is admitted to the school. It is available from the School uniform shop and the online webshop.

#### **The basic uniform is as follows:**

- Grey skirt (on or slightly above the knee) or grey trousers
- Green v-neck jumper
- School blazer
- School tie
- White shirt
- Black low heeled formal shoes
- Black 100 denier tights (winter)
- Black or Grey socks with trousers, no trainer socks
- White socks with skirts (summer)

#### **Labelling**

All items of school uniform, including sports kit must be labelled with the student's name.

#### **Uniform Guidelines**

##### **All Students**

- Students awarded School Colours or Junior Prefect may wear the tie awarded.
- Shirts must be tucked in, not "folded" or hanging out. Please ensure your child's shirt is long enough to tuck into the waistband of skirts/trousers.
- In hot weather, long shirt sleeves may be folded neatly at the elbow. Short sleeved shirts and blouses are permitted.
- In extreme weather conditions students may be allowed, with SLG permission, to remove their ties and/or blazer.

Students are expected to adhere to these standards and school uniform is to be worn during normal school hours. The following details should be noted:

## Main School (Y7-11)

- Main School students must wear school uniform at all times during the school day, unless in sports kit for a physical activity.
- The top button of the shirt must be fastened at all times.
- Ties should reach just above the waistband.
- Students may be asked to replace any inappropriate items of uniform.
- Trousers must be light grey and not tapered.
- Students must wear white, unbranded, ankle socks with skirts (100 denier black tights from after Exeat in September until Easter).
- Shoes should be robust, plain and formal, of matt black polishable leather (not patent). "Ballet" style shoes are not allowed.
- Branded sports kit is acceptable when permission is given in order to facilitate a fixture or activity.
- Students may wear shorts or skorts in the Dining Hall in the Summer Term and up until September exeat if in branded sports kit.
- Students using the Fitness Suite or rowing ergos may wear lycra leggings,.
- Students competing in athletics may wear lycra shorts, but must put on PE shorts/skorts or tracksuit bottoms immediately after the activity.
- Students may wear one earring in the lower lobe of each ear, no other piercings are allowed.
- A fine neck-chain and a watch may be worn. Additional jewellery is not allowed, except one charity band.
- Nail varnish and excessive make-up is not allowed.
- Only official school badges (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Awards) are worn on blazer lapels. Students may wear one additional relevant charity badge.

## Sixth Form Students only

- Formal dress (or branded sports kit for sport) is to be worn during the school day. All Sixth Form students are required to dress smartly as if they were working in a formal office environment.
- Students should wear a jacket / blazer, smart and modest skirt / trousers, smart and modest blouse / shirt & tie, formal shoes, befitting a professional appearance.
- A smart jumper (with tie visible) can be worn beneath the blazer, however hoodies should not be worn.
- Coats may be worn outdoors but tracksuit tops or gilets are not permitted with formal wear.
- Students may wear jewellery that is discreet and befitting a professional appearance. Equally make-up and nail varnish must befit a professional appearance.
- Students competing in athletics may wear lycra shorts, but must put on PE tracksuit bottoms / leggings immediately after the activity.
- PE kit must only be worn for PE lessons or activity.

## All students

### Hoodie / PE Top

- Students may travel to and from school with their PE top under their blazer. This must be removed when they arrive in House, and not put on again until they go home.
- In cold weather, a notice will be posted on the Staff Room door to permit students to wear their PE top under their blazer for marching.
- House hoodies may only be worn for Inter-House events and for Saturday morning school with tracksuit bottoms or sports kit.
- House hoodies must not be worn to a fixture.

- The hood of a PE/House hoodie may only be worn over the head in extreme weather conditions and with permission from staff.

## **PE Kit**

**All PE and sports kit must be branded and obtained from official suppliers. Kit must be the version stipulated by the school. Old versions of kit obtained second hand will not be accepted.**

PE and sports kit must not be worn to lessons or detention unless permission has been given by a member of staff.

Members of the PE Department and staff taking Period 7 or Saturday School activities, are responsible for ensuring that correct PE kit is worn by all students. Students who breach the rules for PE kit should be challenged by the member of staff taking the activity and should take action if necessary. The normal sanction for not having correct kit is a PE Detention where students may be asked to help organise PE equipment during their freetime.

## **General Appearance**

### **Body Piercing & Tattooing**

Students must not display any piercings (other than in the ears) or tattoos at any time during the school day. Students in Years 7-11 may wear one pair of discreet stud earrings, one in each lower ear lobe only. Students in the Sixth Form may wear multiple earrings provided they befit a professional working appearance.

### **Footwear & Headwear**

- Students must not wear boots with studs or spikes (football, rugby, cricket etc) to and from the sports fields.
- Crocs and slides etc may be worn at weekends and after 7.30pm during the week.
- Footwear must be worn at all times outside.
- Bobble hats and beanie hats can be worn outdoors in extreme cold weather.

### **Hair (All students Y7-13)**

- Students' hair should be neat, and not excessively short e.g. shaved
- Y7-11 students with long hair must have it all tied back behind their head with a plain, dark or neutral band.
- All facial hair must be neatly-trimmed at all times in a professionally presentable fashion.
- Students must not cut or colour each others' hair.
- Extreme haircuts are not acceptable.
- Hair colouring must be discreet.

### **Mufti**

- We expect mufti to be of suitable attire, please note:
  - No logos, images or slogans that could cause offence e.g. political symbols / flags
  - No strappy / vest tops
  - No low-cut tops

- No crop tops/abdomens or midriffs showing
- No 'fancy dress'
- No high heels
- Skirts/dresses/shorts must be of an appropriate length

### **Enforcing Expectations**

- Students who infringe this policy risk detention or other sanction without warning.
- A member of staff may not feel they can directly challenge a student's dress, in such instances they may refer the matter instead to the student's Head of House via the School Office.
- Members of staff who challenge a student's dress should do so discretely i.e. not publicly in front of other students. Staff should pass up to WLT or HoH and not challenge sensitive dress issues e.g. skirt length.
- Students whose uniform or appearance is not deemed acceptable may not be allowed to attend school trips or represent the school until such time that their appearance has been rectified.
- **The WLT will deem what is acceptable attire / appearance and what, if any, action may be taken.**

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