



Wigmore High School

Uniform Policy

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School uniform expectations

All pupils are expected to always wear the correct school uniform (other than on specified non-school uniform days or as part of the Year 11 Leavers' Hoodie pass) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

We believe this helps to foster a good community feeling, reduce unwanted differences, and produce a good self-image. With parents and carers co-operation our aim is for all pupils to look smart and have a pride in their appearance. Every effort has been made to choose garments which are widely available and reasonably priced.

The school is committed to fulfilling its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Requests for reasonable adjustments or other appropriate arrangements to accommodate pupils' religious beliefs, cultural requirements, disabilities or medical needs should be discussed with the school in advance wherever possible.

Our school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniforms.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo attached or be in a unique fabric or style) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers, and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to shop around for the best price.

We will therefore make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents and carers

We will do this by following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of 4 items including the school tie.

ITEM/COLOUR	NOTES
Wigmore High - Navy blue v-neck jumper with logo <i>Branded item</i>	Available from Clubsport only. No other jumpers are permitted. Jumpers which are too baggy or obviously too small are not permitted. Jumpers are compulsory in Autumn & Spring terms but are optional in the summer term.
Trousers - Black	Plain black trousers with traditional zip and button fastening, not 'pull on' style —not jeans or chino style (e.g.. polyester—not 100% cotton), not with attached belts, not tight fitting to the leg, not flared at the bottom, no combat trousers (i.e. pockets on the legs) and no Lycra trousers.
Shirt – White	Regulation style not tightly fitted, long or short sleeve. Shirts must have a collar big enough for the top button to be done up and must be tucked in; if a jumper is worn, shirts must not be visible below the bottom of the jumper.
Undergarments	Should not be visible e.g. through shirts; or above trousers.
School Skirt – Black box pleated	Black school skirt available from Clubsport. An alternative skirt may be worn but must meet the school requirements: skirts must have 4-6" width pleats all the way round, minimum length allowed 22". Pupils should ensure their skirt is the correct length for their height (i.e. skirts must not be too short and must be worn just above the knee or just below the knee). Pupils are not allowed to roll skirts at the waistband.

Shorts (Summer term optional) - Black	Plain black traditional with zip and button fastening. Pupils choosing to wear shorts must wear school shoes and socks as normal.
School Tie <i>Branded item</i>	Available from school only — worn showing school logo just below knot. Y7 – Y9 pupils wear KS3 tie. Y10-Y11 pupils wear KS4 tie.
Socks – Dark plain	No trainer socks to be worn with trousers. No stripes or patterns. White socks are only permitted for PE.
Shoes – Black plain	Black school shoes—strong and fully enclosed to protect the foot with no obvious logo—no trainers, this includes black leather trainers (e.g. Nike Air), no walking shoes, no boots , no high heeled shoes, no canvas shoes or pumps, no Vans, Converse or similar styles.
Outdoor Coat	Outdoor coat (if needed). It must have a loop to hang in the cloakroom. A non-uniform sweatshirt, hoodie or tracksuit top is not an acceptable alternative (coats must be named).
Navy showerproof coat with school logo (optional)	Boys and Girls—dual purpose for PE and as school coat

Dress code rules

Hair

Hair must be neat and arranged so it does not fall into the face or interfere with learning. Pupils must provide a suitable means to keep hair away from the face during the school day and must tie hair back for practical lessons.

Hair colour should be natural. Subtle, blended highlights that are compatible with the pupil's natural hair tone are permitted, provided they are not vibrant, high-contrast or attention-drawing.

Hairstyles that draw undue attention or distract others are not permitted. Examples include:

- Styles with extreme length, height or contrasting textures
- Extremely short styles (hair must be no shorter than a number 1)
- Patterns shaved into hair (tramlines, barcodes, words)
- Excessive product resulting in a highly styled appearance

Protective, cultural or religious hairstyles are permitted so long as they are neat and safe and do not interfere with learning.

Eyebrow slits, shaved patterns or decorative alterations are not permitted.

Hair accessories, belts, and similar items must be plain and in a dark, neutral colour. Brightly coloured, patterned, or decorative accessories, including braids and wraps, are not permitted.

Jewellery

Jewellery is limited to one small gold or silver stud in each ear. Religious jewellery may be worn where it can be worn safely and discreetly. No other jewellery, including additional piercings, body jewellery or visible adornments, is permitted. Jewellery that must be removed for health and safety reasons (e.g., during PE or practical lessons) should not be worn to school on those days.

Makeup

In Y7 and Y8 no makeup is permitted. In Y9-Y11, pupils may wear foundation or tinted moisturiser that matches their natural skin tone and is applied in a minimal, natural manner appropriate to a professional workplace. In this policy, a workplace appearance is one that is natural-looking, discreet and does not draw attention to cosmetics or styling. No other visible cosmetics are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to:

- eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara

- brow products
- blusher
- lipstick or lip gloss

Cosmetics are considered worn if they are visible or noticeable, regardless of intent.

Nails must appear natural. Nail varnish, gel polish, acrylics, nail extensions or overlays are not permitted. Any artificial nail treatment applied during weekends or holidays must be removed before returning to school. Pupils with sensory or medical needs requiring specific nail treatments may seek reasonable adjustments.

Temporary body art, including henna, is not permitted during term time.

School bags

School bags should be suitable for carrying books and equipment, free from graffiti and inappropriate images or text. Rucksacks or messenger-style bags are recommended. Handbags are not permitted.

Watches and charity wristbands

A watch (smartwatches are not permitted) and one charity wristband may be worn. Hairbands, festival-style bands, and similar items must not be worn on the wrist.

PE kit

ITEM/COLOUR	NOTES
White polo shirt with logo available from Clubsport or a plain white polo shirt	
Navy/White reversible long sleeve shirt with logo available from Clubsport <i>Branded item</i>	
Navy Shorts/Skort with logo/Sports leggings with logo* - available from ClubSport <i>Branded item</i>	* Shorts/Skort may be worn alone or with sports leggings underneath. Sports leggings may be worn alone for PE as an alternative.
White short socks	For indoor sports
Navy long socks	For rugby/football/hockey
Shin pads	For hockey/football
Gum shield	For cricket/hockey/rugby
Trainers	
Soccer boots	Football/Rugby
Kit bag (named)	
OPTIONAL PE ITEMS	
Navy rugby Shorts with logo	
Navy windproof training top with logo	
Navy showerproof coat with school logo	
Skins (long sleeve top/leggings)	Navy or White
Navy half-zip fleece top with logo	

All school uniform and PE kit must be clearly marked with pupil's name and form. PE kits cannot be stored at school

and must only be brought in on days pupils have a PE lesson. Pupils must bring their PE kit for every PE lesson even if they are not participating in the lesson due to injury/illness.

Year 11 Hoodie Pass

During Year 11 pupils have the opportunity to purchase a school-approved leavers' hoodie. Pupils who consistently demonstrate high standards of behaviour, a strong work ethic towards classwork, homework and revision, as well as maintaining a positive attitude both in and out of school may be awarded a Hoodie Pass. This pass permits them to wear the official Year 11 hoodie in place of their normal school jumper. Hoodie Passes are awarded at the discretion of each pupils' teachers and are reviewed regularly. Pupils must continue to meet the expected standards to retain their pass, and failure to do so may result in it being revoked.

Non-uniform days

Non-uniform days are held throughout the school year and are often linked to charitable events, such as Children in Need, to raise awareness and funds for important causes. Pupils will be informed of upcoming non-uniform days during assemblies and through form time notices. In advance of each non-uniform day, a clear list of clothing expectations and items that are not permitted will be shared with pupils to ensure appropriate dress. This list is as follows:

- Tops should cover the shoulders; strappy tops are not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts should be of a similar length to the school uniform skirt and shorts.
- Tops should provide adequate coverage; bare midriffs or visible stomachs are not permitted.
- Underwear should not be visible.
- Hair, make-up and jewellery must comply with the school's uniform policy.
- Work boots are not permitted.
- Crocs may be worn only in sport mode, with the heel strap secured.

Any issues or breaches of the guidelines will be addressed by staff upon arrival at school, and pupils may be asked to address these, or contact will be made with home if necessary.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Behaviour in School Policy
- Rewards and Sanctions Policy - High
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy