

Whitworth Community High School insists on the highest standards of uniform. It is important that students take pride in their appearance and are aware of the impression their appearance makes within the community. Whitworth Community High School seeks to promote a sense of belonging and shared identity through the implementation of its uniform policy.

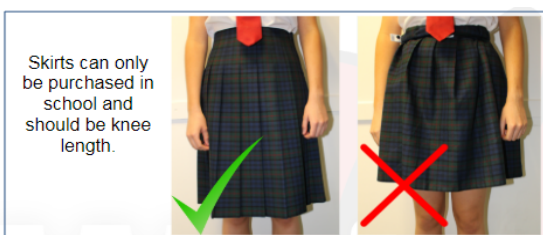
**The Headteacher will be the arbiter in all matters relating to uniform, dress and appearance.** Parents/carers and students are advised to consult the Headteacher, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, if they are considering uniform, dress or appearance changes that might conflict with the school policy.

Any student who arrives wearing the incorrect uniform, wearing inappropriate jewellery, with henna/mehndi without prior permission, or with an unsuitable hairstyle or hair colour may be removed from lessons and parent/carer contacted. A record will be made in the student's file. If a student ignores or persistently ignores the uniform code, the school will need to employ further sanctions including detentions or internal exclusion.

**Blazer** - blue blazer for Y7 to Y10. Grey blazer for Y11 only - blazers are only available from school. **School Tie** - blue with red stripe clip-on tie - this is only available from school.

**White Shirt or Blouse** - must be tucked into skirt or trousers, top buttons fastened. **Skirt or Trousers** - The WCHS skirt is only available from school. It is to be worn with the hem of the skirt on the knee or longer (not shorter, and rolling up of waistbands is not permitted); Trousers must be conventional black tailored school trousers (not skinny fit, denim, canvas, stretch, leggings or jeggings). Please purchase trousers that are long enough to at least touch the shoe (no 'crop' or 'ankle grazers' please). Trousers can be purchased from any retailer as long as they conform to the above description. In response to parent/carer feedback, a service has been set up on

<https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/> for any parents/carers who are struggling to find suitable trousers that meet the policy requirements. A pre-purchase fitting service is available in school and there is a free click-and-collect option for convenience and to reduce costs to parents/carers



**Black Socks or plain black tights** – not both. If wearing the skirt with black socks, then the socks must be knee high with no frills. If wearing school trousers, socks must be black and at least ankle length (not trainer socks).



**Shoes** - School shoes should be low heeled, below the ankle, completely plain black leather or leather look with no coloured logos. Please note that trainers, boots (including 'Kicker' style boots), pumps, canvas, 'Dolly' shoes, Tovni Lacers, or similar trainer style shoes, sports branded footwear and footwear with Dr Martens soles (including yellow stitching) or similar are not acceptable. School shoes can be purchased from any retailer to reduce costs to parents/carers as long as they conform to school standards.



**Outdoor Coats** Students are encouraged to wear a suitable coat on their way to and from school. Coats should be neutral colours if possible. Hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated.



**PE Kit** - is available from Anne's in Bacup, Moses or Ziggy's in Rochdale. Students missing any item in their PE kit will be given a 30-minute detention after school on a Friday. WCHS top, WCHS skort or shorts, royal blue or white sports socks, WCHS half-zip mid-layer top (optional), trainers with non-marking soles. Students may choose to wear WCHS leggings instead of shorts/skort if they wish.

**Hairstyles and colouring** - Added hair colours must be natural and subtle. Dip dying and bright colours such as shades of pink, red, blue etc are not permitted for students. Students who have shoulder length hair, or longer, may be required to tie it back for health and safety reasons and/or if it obscures the face. Patterns cut into hair or eyebrows are also not acceptable. Extreme hairstyles e.g. where some hair is very short and the rest is not with a clearly defined line are not acceptable. Close all-over shaved heads (skinhead styles) shorter than a number 2 (6mm) are not permitted. Students are allowed to have low fade haircuts (0.5). Students must not take low fade haircuts to the extreme e.g. low fades (starting at 0.5) are acceptable but high fades/mid fades and/or skin fades are not. Facial hair must be short, neat, clean and groomed

**Jewellery** must be limited to a watch and one pair of studs worn one in the lobe of each ear (no spacers or stretchers). No facial or body piercing is permitted for Health and Safety reasons. Further details can be found in the uniform policy, available on [www.wchs.co](http://www.wchs.co).

**Make-up** Make-up is not permitted in Y7-9. In Y10 & 11 minimal make-up is allowed. False nails, false eyelashes, nail varnish, fake tan are not acceptable. Coloured contact lenses are not permitted in school.