

School Uniform for students in Years 7-11

Rationale: 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 any uniform, dress or appearance changes that might conflict with the school policy.

Any student who arrives out of uniform, in unsuitable uniform, wearing inappropriate jewellery, 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 persistently ignores the uniform code, the school will employ further sanctions as outlined in the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Our blazers and clip on ties are only available from school. These are to be worn at all times during the school day. Our school skirt is also only available from school. Any student who wishes to wear a skirt must wear our official school skirt, to knee length.

Outdoor coats are not to be worn inside the school. Parents/ carers are asked to buy only blue or black outdoor coats. Hoodies are not allowed.

Uniform:

Navy blue blazer - for Y7 – Y10 – this is only available from school.

Grey blazer for Y11 only – this is only available from school.

School tie – new, blue with red strip clip-on tie – this is only available from school.

White shirt – must be tucked into skirt or trousers, top buttons fastened.

Skirt or trousers – New Whitworth Community High School skirt – this is only available from school. To be worn with the hem of the skirt on the knee or longer (not shorter, and rolling up of waistbands is not permitted); or conventional black tailored school trousers (not skinny fit, denim, canvas, stretch or leggings/jeggings).

Black socks or plain black tights – not both. If wearing the new 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: 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 with no top strap, sports branded footwear and footwear with Dr Martens soles or similar are not acceptable.

PE Kit
Whitworth Community High PE Top
Whitworth Community High PE Shorts or skirt
Navy Blue Socks
Whitworth Community High Half Zip Mid-layer Top (Optional)
Trainers – non-marking sole

Parents should note that **blazers, skirts and ties are only available from School**. Other items of school uniform may be purchased from any other retailer. Can we recommend your local superstore for inexpensive and hardwearing items of school uniform!

Outdoor coats are not to be worn inside the school. Parents are asked to buy only blue or black outdoor coats. **Trainers are only acceptable for PE**. Caps, hoodies and denim jackets are not allowed on school premises and will be confiscated.

Hairstyles and colouring:

Parents should be aware that we do not permit extremes of fashion in students' hairstyles or dress. Added hair colours must be natural and subtle (bright colours including shades of red, and dip dying, are not permitted). Close shaved heads, for example, any shorter than a number 2 (6mm) and patterns cut into hair or eyebrows are not acceptable. Very short hairstyles including extreme hairstyles (e.g. where some hair is very short and the rest is not) are not acceptable. 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. The decision of whether or not a hairstyle is acceptable rests with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and is not negotiable.

Students must be clean shaven.

Jewellery, Make-up and Valuables:

Make-up, false nails, false eyelashes, nail varnish, fake tan are not acceptable. Coloured contact lenses are not permitted in school. Natural eyebrows only are permitted.

Jewellery must be limited to a watch and one pair of plain sleepers or studs (no 'spacers' or 'stretchers'), worn one in the lobe of each ear. Health and Safety and security considerations mean that other items of jewellery are **not** permissible.

Watches and studs/sleepers should be removed for practical lessons when necessary or any lesson where they may pose a danger. Individual subject teachers will make the decision.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of valuables.

No facial or body piercing is permitted for Health and Safety reasons. There are no exceptions to this.

Headphones, portable speakers, toys, tablets, games consoles, smartwatches (e.g. Apple watch or equivalent) etc: Students must not bring these items into school.

The school will temporarily confiscate inappropriate items of jewellery, hoodies and valuables. Confiscated items can be claimed by students at the end of the week at 3pm Friday.

Mobile phones

- Students must not bring mobile phones onto the school site.
- Any student seen with a mobile phone, whether using it or not, will have the item taken from them. The phone will be stored securely until the parent/carer arranges to collect it from the office after 3.30pm.
- Should any student be known to have used their phone in school, this item will again be confiscated and a further sanction applied.
- Students needing to contact parents/carers may use a school telephone with a member of staff's permission.
- If parents need to contact children **urgently** they should telephone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.
- Phones **must not** be taken into examinations under any circumstances.
- Any breach of this rule will be reported to the relevant examinations authority.

If a student persistently ignores these rules the school will employ further sanctions (please also see Behaviour for Learning Policy)