

WHITWORTH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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School Uniform for students in Years 7-11

Uniform Policy 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 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.

Blazers

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); or 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 <http://www.swidtp.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 as 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 new skirt with black socks, then the socks must be knee high with no frills. If wearing school trousers, socks must be black and above the ankle (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, Kicker Tonvi Lacers (or similar trainer style shoes), sports branded footwear and footwear with Dr Martens soles or similar are not acceptable.

Outdoor Coats

Not to be worn inside the school. Parents are asked to buy only blue or black outdoor coats. Hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated.

PE Kit

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.

The PE kit includes:

- WCHS PE top
- WCHS shorts or skort
- Royal blue football socks
- WCHS half-zip mid-layer top (optional)
- Trainers with non-marking soles

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.

Henna/Mehndi Tattoos

Henna/Mehndi Tattoos are not allowed in school. However, it is understood that in some cultures or religious traditions, it might be considered as part of family celebrations such as Eid or weddings. If a student wishes to have henna/mehndi applied, parents must write to the head teacher for permission, in advance, at least a week prior to the event, to explain the rationale behind the request.

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 (or nominated adult) arranges to collect it from the office.

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).

A policy summary is available to parents with images to assist the purchase of correct uniform items.