



DSHS UNIFORM, DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT

2024 - 2025



SCHOOL UNIFORM



GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Our aims:

- Be affordable for families;
- Foster a smart sense of identity and belonging;
- Allow some elements of individuality, be comfortable and can be worn with pride.

Only the school blazer and the PE polo top include a logo to keep costs low. We also allow shoes, PE shorts / bottoms / leggings that can serve a double purpose by being used in clubs outside school or in other leisure activities. There are tight restrictions on the size of any branding, however. This is to ensure that by being less prescriptive, we're not actually making it harder for students from disadvantaged families to participate due to extra pressure to be seen in expensive branded clothing. For families that do need support we have a pre-loved uniform shop on site.

Allowing students opportunity to express their individuality is also part of our culture. You will see that our rules on jewellery and hair styles are liberal and in keeping with changes seen in society and in workplaces. There are still tighter rules on these items in PE, Food and DT for health and safety reasons. There are also specific rules excluding certain items from being used as school uniform (e.g. leggings or are not permitted as a substitute for a pleated skirt or school trousers) to make sure we look smart.

Reflecting modern trends means that every moment we used to spend on nose piercings (for example) can be used on giving someone some much needed pastoral care or extra support with their academic work. We know we are already much more flexible than many high schools so we ask, in turn, that we get strong family support on the rules and policies we have in place. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

BOYS

SCHOOL SHIRT

Sky blue conventional style school short (long or short sleeves)

SCHOOL TIE

A blue striped clip-on tie.

HOUSE BLAZERS

Black school blazer with school badge and pocket trims in house colour.

SCHOOL TROUSERS

Black conventional school type trousers.

GIRLS

SCHOOL BLOUSE

Sky blue open neck reverse collar (no tie)

PLEATED SKIRT

Black pleated skirt which must be no shorter than just above the knee.
NB: girls may also wear trousers (see page 20 for more information)

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Black leather or faux leather shoes. Plain **all black** shoes made by sports brands are permitted as long as the soles do not include "NikeAir" style bubbles or any mesh style material).

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SHOES ARE THE SAME AS BOYS

...with the addition that high heeled shoes are not allowed.

PE UNIFORM



WHAT UNIFORM IS NEEDED FOR PE LESSONS?

Items are unisex unless specifically mentioned.

Only the polo shirt needs to have the school logo. Other items are allowed as long as they are **all** black AND any elements of branding (e.g. a sports brand logo) must fit within a single 30cm² area. This includes any branding that is black / woven into the fabric.

Items marked with a * are either/or. i.e. a student can wear shorts OR tracksuit bottoms. It is not necessary to have more than one of the items with a *.

HOODIES are not *compulsory*, but a hoodie with the school badge is allowed. **No other hoodies or tops are allowed** (but students may wear a plain black base layer under their polo shirt instead of wearing a DSHS hoodie).



PE UNIFORM

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Team

BLACK SPORTS LEGGINGS*

Black sports leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area.

PE POLO SHIRT

Black polo shirt with school badge in House colour.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers.

SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.

BLACK SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

PE UNIFORM

PE POLO SHIRT

Black polo shirt with school badge in House colour.

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SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.

BLACK TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS*

Plain all black tapered tracksuit bottoms with all branding within one 30cm² area.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers with a white sole.

BLACK SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

BLACK AND RED SKORT (GIRLS ONLY)*

A black and red skort.

PE UNIFORM

BLACK TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS*

Black tapered tracksuit bottoms with all branding within one 30cm² area.

SHORTS*

Plain black shorts with all branding within one 30cm² area.

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SOCKS

White crew or trainer socks.



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75

BLACK GYM LEGGINGS*

Black sports leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area.

TRAINERS

Black or white trainers.

PE POLO SHIRT

Black polo shirt with school badge in House colour.

WHERE CAN I BUY THE UNIFORM? (BOYS)

**AVAILABLE FROM HIGH
STREET RETAILERS**
(ALSO STOCKED BY MONKHOUSE
AND ACE ESSENTIALS)

BLACK SCHOOL TYPE
TROUSERS

BLACK LEATHER OR FAUX
LEATHER SHOES

SKY BLUE SCHOOL SHIRT
(LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES)

BLUE STRIPED CLIP-ON TIE

**AVAILABLE FROM
SCHOOL COLOURS**

(ONLINE ONLY AT SCHOOLCOLOURSDIRECT.CO.UK)

BLACK SCHOOL BLAZER WITH
SCHOOL BADGE AND POCKET
TRIMS EMBROIDERED IN
HOUSE COLOURS (SEE BELOW)

BLUE STRIPED CLIP-ON TIE

SKY BLUE SCHOOL SHIRT
(LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES)

**AVAILABLE FROM ACE
ESSENTIALS**

BLACK V-NECK JUMPER
WITH SCHOOL BADGE
EMBROIDERED (OPTIONAL)

**BULMAN - PURPLE
D'OLIVEIRA - GREEN
PARKS - BLUE
ROWLING - RED
WINSLOW - YELLOW**





WHERE CAN I BUY THE UNIFORM?

(GIRLS)

**AVAILABLE FROM HIGH
STREET RETAILERS**
(ALSO STOCKED BY MONKHOUSE
AND ACE ESSENTIALS)

BLACK SCHOOL TYPE
TROUSERS

BLACK **PLEATED** SKIRT

BLACK LEATHER OR FAUX
LEATHER SHOES.

SKY BLUE SCHOOL BLOUSE
WITH OPEN NECK REVERE
COLLAR

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SCHOOL COLOURS**

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BLACK SCHOOL BLAZER WITH
SCHOOL BADGE AND POCKET
TRIMS EMBROIDERED IN
HOUSE COLOURS (SEE BELOW)

SKY BLUE SCHOOL BLOUSE
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EMBROIDERED (OPTIONAL)

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WHERE CAN I BUY THE PE UNIFORM?

(BOYS)

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH
SCHOOL LOGO (OPTIONAL)

BLACK POLO SHIRT WITH
SCHOOL BADGE

BLACK HOODIE WITH SCHOOL
BADGE EMBROIDERED
(OPTIONAL)

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS (ALSO STOCKED BY MONKHOUSE AND ACE ESSENTIALS)

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK TAPERED
TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

WHITE OR BLACK TRAINERS

WHITE CREW OR TRAINER
SOCKS



WHERE CAN I BUY THE PE UNIFORM?

(GIRLS)

AVAILABLE FROM ACE ESSENTIALS ONLY

GYM LEGGINGS WITH HOUSE
COLOUR FLASH ON THE LEG
(OPTIONAL)

BLACK POLO SHIRT WITH
SCHOOL BADGE

BLACK AND RED SKORT

BLACK HOODIE WITH SCHOOL
BADGE EMBROIDERED
(OPTIONAL)

AVAILABLE FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS (ALSO STOCKED BY MONKHOUSE AND ACE ESSENTIALS)

PLAIN BLACK SHORTS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK TAPERED
TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS WITH
BRANDING WITHIN ONE
30CM² AREA

PLAIN ALL BLACK FULL
LENGTH SPORTS LEGGINGS

WHITE OR BLACK TRAINERS

WHITE CREW OR TRAINER
SOCKS

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BASIC EQUIPMENT



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN BASIC PIECES OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT YOU MUST CARRY?

PEN and a spare
PENCIL and a spare
RUBBER
RULER
SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR
SCHOOLBAG
PENCIL CASE (clear one for exams)

Students are able to purchase some stationery from the school shop at break-times.



JEWELLERY

WHAT JEWELLERY ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO WEAR?

There are restrictions on **jewellery**. Students **ARE** allowed:

- no more than three earrings per ear.
- one nose piercing that is a stud (see page 16 and 17 for more info).
- their own choice of rings, bracelets and necklaces up to a maximum of five items.

All of the above jewellery absolutely has to be removed for PE (and Food and DT where necessary) with no discussion or negotiation.

Any student with a 'fresh' piercing stating that "it cannot be taken out for x weeks" is not Ready (see our values of Ready, Kind and Respectful) for these subjects and, as such, will face a consequence and request for parental support. Students and parents need to ensure that new piercings are timed at the start of holidays. Failure to remove piercings for practical lessons, including PE, will result in a sanction.

No other piercings (such as septum, eyebrow, tongue or lip piercings). Ear stretchers and tattoos are not allowed.

Long hair must also be tied back in PE, Food and DT as appropriate. Also, please note that all jewellery is the responsibility of students; we will not dedicate resources to assisting with finding lost items, no matter how valuable they may be.



DRESS CODE

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Anything made from sweatshirt material (regardless of whether or not it has a zip) and tracksuit style tops **may not be used as a substitute for a coat** and may be confiscated if used in school (including between school buildings).

Hats should not be worn in school buildings. **Scarves** (if worn) must be plain and either black or navy blue. Football or fashion scarves are **NOT** allowed.

Any headwear that is worn for religious observance must either be plain black or the same blue as the school shirt and not cover the face.

For examples on what is / is not acceptable, please see page 18.

HAIRSTYLES

Students ARE permitted to dye their hair.

Styles where lines or shapes or symbols are cut into the hair are NOT acceptable.

Hair may not cover students' faces.

MAKE UP

Discreet make up is permitted.

Light foundation and a small amount of mascara are allowed. Make up should not exaggerate features e.g. eyebrows and excessive/obvious contouring.

Nail varnish on natural nails, of any colour, IS allowed. However, nail extensions, false nails and false eyelashes are NOT allowed.

Only modest use of fake tanning products is acceptable.

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE JEWELLERY

JEWELLERY



Up to three piercings in each ear ✓



Rings, necklaces and bracelets up to five items combined (not of each) are allowed ✓



One nose piercing ✓
Plain stud ✓

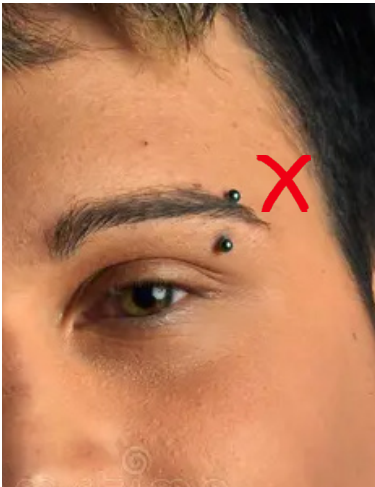
JEWELLERY



Ear stretcher x



Lip piercing x



Eyebrow piercing x

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

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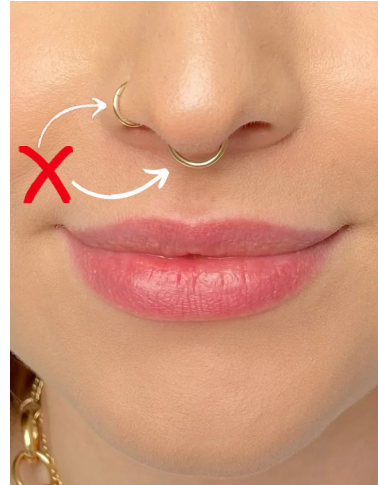


Up to three piercings in each ear ✓



Rings, necklaces and bracelets up to five items combined (not of each) are allowed ✓

JEWELLERY



Septum piercing x
Nose ring x



Tattoo (of any size or design) x



Tongue piercing x

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING

COATS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



Coat ✓
Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit ✓



Coat ✓
Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit ✓



Coat ✓
Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit ✓

HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



Sweatshirt material / tracksuit x



Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit x



Not sweatshirt material / tracksuit x

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE HAIRSTYLES AND MAKE UP

HAIR AND MAKEUP (BOYS AND GIRLS)



Fake eyelashes x



Fake eyelashes x
Exaggerated features x



Fake nails / nail extensions x



Obvious / over the top fake tan x



Hair over face x



Hair over face x

UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

GIRLS' SCHOOL TROUSERS



Black ✓
School type ✓
(those to the left are from M&S and are described as 'skinny leg' but the fabric is not stretchy)

GIRLS' SCHOOL TROUSERS



Black ✓
BUT
NOT school type
(too tight / stretchy material / leggings)

SCHOOL SHOES



All Black ✓
(Faux) Leather ✓



All Black ✓
(Faux) Leather ✓



All Black ✓
(Faux) Leather ✓



All Black ✓
(Faux) Leather ✓

SCHOOL SHOES



(Faux) Leather ✓
BUT
NOT all black



All Black ✓
(Faux) Leather ✓
BUT
NOT flat
(heels are not allowed)



All Black ✓
BUT
NOT leather or faux leather (canvas shoes are not allowed)



(Faux) Leather ✓
BUT
NOT all black

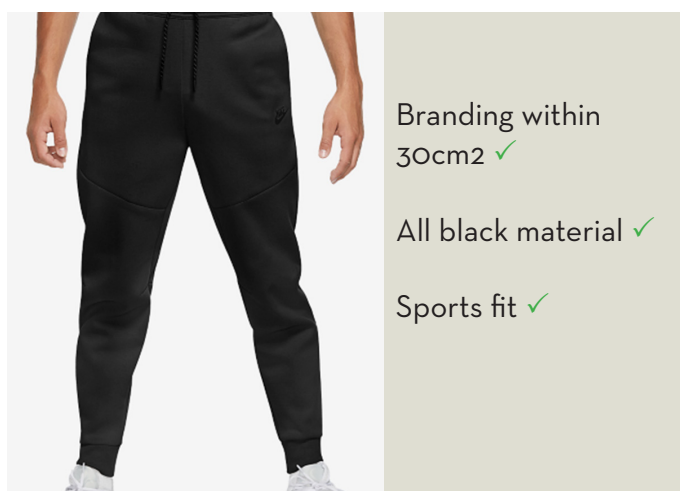
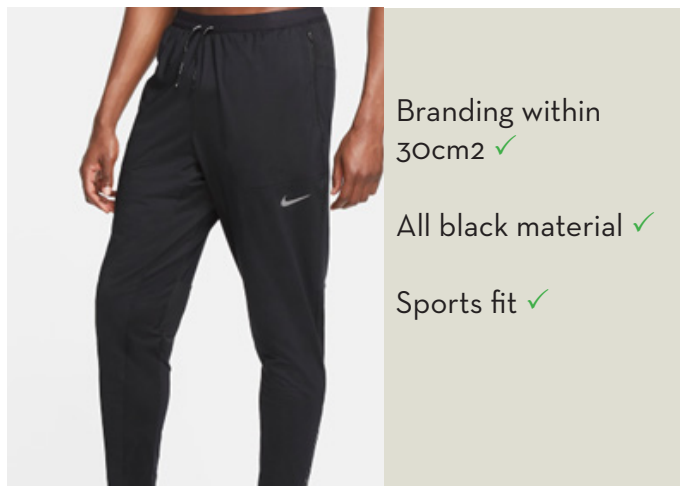
PE UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



PE UNIFORM EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

SHORTS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



Branding within 30cm² ✓
All black material ✓



Branding within 30cm² ✓
All black material ✓



Branding within 30cm² ✓
All black material ✓

SHORTS (BOYS AND GIRLS)



All black material ✓
X BUT
Branding NOT within 30cm² x



All black material ✓
X BUT
Branding NOT within 30cm² x



All black material ✓
BUT
Branding NOT within 30cm² x
(the three stripes up the leg are black but greater than 30cm²)

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE OF PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

GYM LEGGINGS



Branding within 30cm2 ✓

All black material ✓



Branding within 30cm2 ✓

All black material ✓



Branding within 30cm2 ✓

All black material ✓

GYM LEGGINGS



All black material ✓

BUT

Branding NOT within 30cm2 (branding is not within one single 30cm2 area)



Branding within 30cm2 ✓

BUT

NOT all black material (see through panels are not acceptable)



Branding within 30cm2 ✓

BUT

NOT all black material

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE OF PE ITEMS FROM HIGH STREET RETAILERS

SHORTS (GIRLS' STYLE)



Branding within
30cm² ✓
All black material ✓

SHORTS (GIRLS' STYLE)



Branding within
30cm² ✓
All black material ✓
BUT
Not full length



Branding within
30cm² ✓
All black material ✓



All black material ✓
BUT
Branding within
30cm² x



Branding within
30cm² ✓
All black material ✓



Branding within
30cm² ✓
BUT
NOT all black
material x
NOT full length x

PARENT CHECKLIST



EVERYONE

- All pieces of basic equipment (check page 13)
- Blazer with school badge and pocket trim embroidered in house colour.
- Black, dark grey or navy socks.
- Black leather or faux leather shoes (plain **all black** shoes made by sports brands are permitted as long as the soles do not include “NikeAir” style bubbles or any mesh style material). Canvas shoes, ‘high-tops’ and boots are not acceptable.

MALE

- Sky blue school shirt (long or short sleeves).
- Blue striped clip-on school tie.
- Black school type trousers (jeans and jogging bottoms are **NOT** allowed).

FEMALE

- Sky blue with open neck revere collar (no tie necessary).
- Black **pleated** school skirt **OR** black school type trousers (jeans, very tight trousers, leggings and jogging bottoms are **NOT** allowed).

PARENT CHECKLIST

EVERYONE (PE KIT)

- Black polo shirt with school badge in house colour.
- Plain **all black** shorts OR tapered jogging bottoms OR leggings with all branding within one 30cm² area (girls may also wear a black and red skirt). See pages 21-24 for more information.
- Black or white trainers.
- White ankle or crew socks.

OPTIONAL

UNIFORM

- Black v-neck jumper with school badge embroidered (no other jumpers or hoodies are allowed).

PE KIT

- Black hoodie with school badge embroidered (no other jumpers or hoodies are allowed for PE but students may wear a plain black 'base layer' under their polo shirt).

