

WHOLE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

1 Introduction

All students at New Hall School, up to and including those aged 18+ in Year 13, are required to comply with the *Whole School Uniform Policy*. The *Whole School Uniform Policy* includes the Sixth Form dress requirements, which are referred to as the Sixth Form Dress Code. The Principal is responsible for such matters as uniform and dress code.

Wearing uniform/ dress code (hereafter referred to as uniform) gives a sense of unity and identity. It marks the School as a working environment and students are expected to look neat and business-like.

It is a condition of remaining at the School, that parents and students accept the School regime, and the rules as to appearance and dress that apply from time to time. Misuse of uniform and lack of care over one's appearance affect the general environment of the School, sending messages contradicting the purpose of the School and reflecting adversely on the community, of which all students are members. A breach of the *Whole School Uniform Policy* will constitute a disciplinary matter. Sanctions will be given in accordance with the School's published disciplinary policy. Careful consideration will be given to the severity of the breach, before determining whether any sanction is required. In the vast majority of cases, this will merely involve a member of staff speaking with the student concerned. The most serious breach of uniform policy will constitute a refusal by a student to comply with the policy, either by refusing to wear specific items of the uniform or insisting on wearing additional items of clothing. As a Catholic independent school, the School reserves the right to insist on high standard of uniform, which uphold the School's Catholic values and principles of modesty and a quality. If a parent/student wishes to request a variation to the uniform for religious reasons, the request must be made to the Principal. Prolonged and persistent breaches of the School Uniform Policy may lead to parents being asked to remove a student, if the prolonged and persistent breach adversely impacts on the School's ethos and aims.

Uniform is primarily the responsibility of parents, who are asked to ensure their child observes uniform regulations and has the necessary clothing, clearly named and in good condition. Help in these matters is given to overseas students whose parents pay a clothing maintenance fee. All items are available from our uniform suppliers, Schoolblazer, via their website: www.Schoolblazer.com.

The *Whole School Uniform Policy* at New Hall School is reviewed at least every two years by the Governors, who may consult with the School's Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The views of staff, parents and students are sought, and form part of the regular reviews by SLT. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the School Uniform Policy promotes the Catholic ethos of the School, as published widely in the School's literature.

Please see a copy of the Uniform List for full details of the Preparatory and Senior Divisions' Uniform Dress Code.

2 Preparatory Divisions

As ambassadors for the School, and in order to promote self-respect and a positive attitude towards others, pupils are expected to present themselves neatly at all times, with zips and buttons done up and shirts tucked in.

2.1 Winter & Summer Uniform

For the first half of the Michaelmas Term, either summer or winter uniform may be worn. For the second half of the Michaelmas Term and the duration of the Lent Term, winter uniform must be worn. Summer uniform must be worn for the Trinity Term.

2.2 Labelled/Named Uniform

All clothes must be marked with the child's name; labels are available from the school uniform supplier, Schoolblazer, or from Stickins at www.stickins.co.uk. The labels should ideally be printed with the child's name in lower case with a capital letter at the beginning to reflect how the children are taught to write their name in class. Uniform will be checked for names at the beginning of each term. Missing, incorrect or unnamed uniform is communicated to parents via email. If, following the issue of a second reminder, no action has been taken by parents, the Head of Division will be informed.

2.3 Hairstyles

Long hair should be tied back, length permitting, and hair accessories should be red or black. Hair gel and high-fashion hair styles, such as partly-shaved styles are not permitted.

2.4 Jewellery

No jewellery, excluding one set of small plain gold or silver stud earrings (one earring per earlobe only), or nail varnish may be worn in school. Children may wear a small plain analogue watch from Year 1 upwards. Apple watches, fitbits and similar technology are not permitted. If parents wish to have their child's ears pierced, this will only be permitted during the summer holiday.

2.5 Blazers

Preparatory Divisions pupils are required to have their blazers in School at all times. These must be worn when they attend Assemblies, Mass, move around the site and when they go to the Refectory.

In the Trinity Term, if the weather is particularly hot, pupils will be notified when they may remove their blazers and ties.

2.6 Nursery

In the Nursery, children in Nursery 1 should be clothed appropriately to engage in a range of activities, both inside and outside of the building. Parents may dress their children in items from the Nursery 2 uniform list when their child reaches the minimum sizing available.

3 Middle and Upper Divisions

3.1 Skirt uniform

- The New Hall grey skirt is the only acceptable skirt allowed. It should be on or below the knee when standing
- A New Hall white shirt is to be worn (long-sleeved and/or short sleeved)
- Tights or white ankle socks are required. Tights should not be patterned and should be of a black (40 denier) or flesh-coloured (20 denier) colour. They should not have rips, holes or ladders. Socks should be plain white with no logo visible

3.2 Trouser uniform

- The New Hall grey trousers are the only acceptable trousers allowed.
- New Hall white shirt is to be worn (long-sleeved and/or short sleeved)
- Grey ankle socks are required

3.3 Tie

- If you are in the Boys' Division, a School tie should be worn that is tied properly to the collar

3.4 Jumper

- If you are in the Girls' Division, the New Hall red v-neck jumper is the only acceptable jumper
- If you are in the Boys' Division, the New Hall grey v-neck jumper is the only acceptable jumper allowed

3.5 Blazer

Students are required to have their School blazers in School at all times. These should be worn at all times when moving around the School site and must be worn during assemblies and in the Chapel. A jumper is not a substitute for a jacket.

In the Trinity Term, if the weather is particularly hot, students will be notified when they may remove their blazers.

3.6 Shoes

Black leather low-heeled loafers or lace-up shoes (trainers are not acceptable).

3.7 Jewellery

No jewellery may be worn with uniform except for a plain wristwatch, one set of small plain gold or silver stud earrings (one per ear in the lobe only), and a simple cross with chain (or other discreet item of jewellery of religious significance).

3.8 Hairstyles

Whilst we no longer stipulate hair being a particular grade in terms of length, hairstyles should not be extreme in nature, include unconventional designs, unnatural colours, or be of an excessive length, particularly over the face.

In Middle Division, shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back or clipped back so that it is 'off the face'.

In Upper Division, hair may be styled as preferred; however, if worn long, we recommend securing it away from the face. For Health & Safety reasons, hair will need to be tied back

for certain lessons such as Science, Technology and Physical Education; students must ensure they have appropriate hair accessories at School with them for this purpose. With regards to beards and moustaches (except where consent has been given on religious grounds for beards or moustaches), students should be clean-shaven.

3.9 Make-up

No make-up may be worn with uniform except for the following:

- Foundation/concealer (this should be natural looking and not heavily applied;)
- Lip balm (this should be a natural colour)

Mascara, eye shadow, blusher, eyeliner, and false eyelashes are not permitted. Fake tan is not allowed. Nail varnish is not permitted.

3.10 Coats

During cold and/or wet weather, non-ostentatious coats should be worn (e.g. no logos, labels or bright colours. We recommend that coats are black or grey). It is our expectation that under the coat must be worn a jacket which conforms to the trouser or skirt uniform policy, as mentioned above.

4 Sixth Form

Sixth Form students are allowed to wear suits that are smart and appropriate for a professional office environment. Students are expected to dress modestly at all times and no excessively ostentatious appearance is allowed. Guidance about what is and is not suitable in accordance with the School's dress code can be sought from the Head of Sixth Form or Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

4.1 Skirts

- New Hall Sixth Form school skirt from SchoolBlazer. The skirt should be at or just above the knee in length. The length should be appropriate for a professional working environment
- New Hall Sixth Form school jacket from SchoolBlazer
- Plain coloured/white, buttoned and collared blouse. Blouses should be tucked in. A white blouse should be worn for all formal occasions
- Tights should be plain black
- Socks should be plain white and ankle length

The skirt uniform is only available from our uniform supplier, SchoolBlazer. Alternatively, these items are available to order via their website www.schoolblazer.com.

4.2 Trousers

- Tailored trouser suit in black, navy blue or dark grey
- Jacket and trousers must match and be made of the same material. Patterned suits are not permitted. The following fabrics are not permitted: velvet, corduroy, tweed, leather, suede. The jacket should be single breasted and have full length sleeves and plain buttons
- Trousers should be full length, touching the ankles, and not skintight. Neither jeans nor jeggings are acceptable

- Plain coloured/white, buttoned and collared blouse or shirt. Blouses and shirts should be tucked in. A white blouse/shirt should be worn for all formal occasions

4.3 Jackets

Jackets should be worn at all times when moving around the School site. They should be worn during assemblies and in the Chapel. A jumper is not a substitute for a jacket, though a quarter-zip jumper may be worn around the site without a jacket except during a Chapel Service, Sixth Form assembly, and other formal occasions.

4.4 Ties

Boys must wear ties with a shirt. The tie should be done up properly, tied to the collar. The tie can be plain or patterned, but novelty ties are not permitted. A School tie should be worn for all formal occasions.

4.5 Shoes

Plain black shoes, of a sensible heel width and height i.e. 2cm to 3cm, must be worn. Boots are not acceptable.

4.6 Jumpers

Plain, V neck or round neck jumper may be worn under the jacket (not instead of) and over the blouse/shirt. Roll neck jumpers are not permitted. Jumpers should not be longer than the jacket.

4.7 Jewellery and make-up

No make-up or jewellery may be worn with uniform except for the following:

- Foundation/concealer (this should be natural looking)
- Mascara (eye shadow, blusher, eyeliner, and false eyelashes are not permitted)
- Lipbalm (this should be a natural colour)
- A plain wristwatch, one set of discreet earrings in ears (one per ear in the lobe only), and a simple cross with chain (or other discreet item of jewellery of religious significance)

4.8 Hairstyles

Whilst we no longer stipulate hair being a particular grade in terms of length, hairstyles should not be extreme in nature, include unconventional designs, unnatural colours, or be of an excessive length, particularly over the face. Hair may be worn as wished but we do advise clipping it back in some way, off the face, if it is long. For Health & Safety reasons, hair will need to be tied back for certain lessons such as Science, Technology and Physical Education; students must ensure they have appropriate hair accessories at School with them for this purpose. With regards to beards and moustaches, these are allowed if their growth has commenced prior to the start of a new term and provided they are smart and neatly maintained. Religious headwear may be permitted on religious grounds.

5 Sportswear

Students have Games lessons each week and may also wish to pursue sporting activities in their own time. Specific New Hall School sportswear is a requirement when such activities are being undertaken. All items are available from our uniform suppliers, SchoolBlazer, via their website: www.schoolblazer.com

5.1 General

All students should have the following:

- New Hall Sixth Form t-shirt
- New Hall Sixth Form mid-layer
- New Hall tracksuit trousers
- House polo shirt

5.2 Squad Kit (Compulsory, if selected)

- New Hall rugby shirt, shorts and socks
- New Hall hockey shirt, skort, and socks
- New Hall netball dress
- New Hall cricket shirt, sweater and trousers
- New Hall tennis shirt and shorts/skort

It is expected that students should be wearing the New Hall School tracksuit bottoms if they are in and around School in sportswear before and/or after the Games lesson or specific sporting activity.

6 Naming items

6.1 Printing

Provision for the printing of names onto games bags, book bags, rucksacks, and boot bags is available via SchoolBlazer. Parents can purchase the embroidery at checkout on the SchoolBlazer website. We recommend your child's initials are added to their New Hall sports bag.

6.2 Labelling

All items of uniform must be marked with the child's name; labels are available from the school uniform supplier, SchoolBlazer.