

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Refer also to the following policies:

Behaviour and Discipline Policy
School Rules

Godolphin First to Fifth Year Pupils inclusive

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the School. It encourages identity with, and support for, the school ethos as well as supporting positive behaviour and discipline. It protects pupils from social pressures to dress in a particular way and promotes safety by aiding identification of pupils as recognisable members of the School. The uniform policy is flexible enough to be adjusted on an individual basis in relation to cultural, religious or gender identity, in consultation with the Deputy Head Pastoral.

In determining the uniform and any changes that might follow, the Head will consult with parents (through the GPA), staff and pupils (through the Pupil Council). Their views will be considered and taken into account.

The School Uniform

This currently consists of the following:

- Salisbury check skirt or Navy trousers
- Navy blazer
- Blue chambray shirt
- Blue and red striped tie
- Navy sweater with red V
- Navy tights or ankle socks
- Black leather low heel shoes, not black trainers/Air Force or plimsolls
- Navy puffer jacket

All items of uniform should be clean and in good repair. Items should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

There are special requirements for PE and Games. Lab coats are provided for science lessons and aprons for Art and Food Technology.

Religious Dress and symbols

The following are permitted:

- A small cross and chain, or similar for those of other faiths.
- Islamic headscarves.

Jewellery

The following are not permitted:

Necklaces, rings, bracelets and body piercings apart from one small stud earring in the lobe of each ear. Earrings must be removed for sport.

Hair

Hair should be clean and tidy. For safety reasons pupils may be required to tie long hair back for work in the science laboratory and technology areas. Unnaturally coloured hair is not permitted and neither are hair wrap braids. Hairbands, ribbons and scrunchies should be red, black or navy in colour.

Make-up, nail varnish, acrylic nails and tattoos

These are not permitted.

Non-uniform

After the end of the formal school day and during prep sessions pupils may wear non-uniform clothes if they wish, but they must not wear a combination of uniform and non-uniform items. However, when arriving at school, all pupils must be wearing their uniform, including their blazer or school coat; when leaving, they must either wear their uniform including their blazer or school coat or, if they have been doing sports, may wear their sports clothes with the tracksuit trousers and a Godolphin sports tracksuit top.

When in town, at the weekends the boarders may wear their own clothes. When the Fourth and Fifth Years make visits to town midweek they must wear their uniform, including their blazer or school coat.

Requests to vary the policy

Any request to vary the policy to meet the needs of an individual pupil because of temporary or permanent medical conditions will be considered carefully. For example, pupils with some conditions may be unable to wear specific fabrics, and pupils with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes. Any request that is made to vary the policy to meet the needs of an individual pupil to accommodate their religion, gender or belief will be considered carefully.

Responsibilities

It is the Head's responsibility to ensure that this policy is implemented. The Head may delegate particular responsibilities concerning School uniform to members of staff, for example to the games staff for games uniform.

It is the duty of all staff to uphold the uniform standard and to report any non-compliance to the Head.

Monitoring

Houseparents, Heads of Year and tutors monitor dress at the start of the day and all staff have a duty to ensure that pupils are appropriately dressed when in School; pupils who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to change. A selection of clothing is available for day

pupils who are asked to change. At times it may be necessary for Houseparents or tutors to contact parents about their child's inappropriate dress.

Sanctions

Sanctions for incidents of non-compliance with school uniform are in line with the school behaviour policy, i.e. minor, occasional infringements should be dealt with directly by the teacher, tutor, Houseparent or Head of Year as appropriate, using the misdemeanour system.

Complaints

The School's Complaints Policy will be followed. A copy can be obtained from the School.

Godolphin Sixth Dress Code

The Working Week:

All Sixth Form pupils are required to wear smart/interview attire. Girls should wear tailored trousers/skirt and a fitted jacket over a smart top/shirt. Boys should wear shirt, tie, smart jacket and trousers. Shoes should be black, leather; no high heels or platforms. Pupils can wear earrings and studs in the ear only; other body piercings are not acceptable in school at any time. Pupils should not have artificial nails or unnatural hair colours.

Formal Occasions:

Pupils will need to observe a formal dress code for occasions such as Cathedral services, snapshot mornings, some concerts and tours for visitors. On such occasions they will need to wear a dark tailored business suit (matching jacket and skirt, dress or trousers) and dark formal shoes. Their suit and shoes should remain in school at all times. Appropriate suits are available to purchase in the School Shop.

Sport:

All Godolphin Sixth pupils require the following items from the uniform list (clearly labelled):

- Polo/ T-shirt
- Swimsuit
- Tracksuit Bottoms

Religious Dress:

Islamic headscarves are permitted. We will carefully consider any other requests to meet the needs of an individual pupil to accommodate her religion, gender or belief.

Monitoring:

Head of Godolphin Sixth and Houseparents monitor dress at the start of the day and all staff have a duty to ensure that pupils are appropriately dressed when in school; pupils who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to change into their formal suits. At times, it may be necessary for Houseparents to contact parents about inappropriate dress.

If pupils are unclear about any aspect of the dress code, they can speak with any member of the Godolphin Sixth staff.