

UNIFORM POLICY

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School uniform is a sign that a pupil is a member of Cathays High School and we expect all pupils to be proud of that fact. A smart pupil in school uniform can bring a sense of pride in the school and prevent any distinction being made between pupils. Uniform is important in supporting our inclusive school ethos and showing the community around us that we have pride in representing the school in the city and beyond.

Uniform is also an important measure in keeping children safe, it enables staff to ensure that only young people who are members of the school community are on site. All staff and students place a strong value in our school uniform and in the history and tradition it represents.

The following are the rules that outline what to wear when attending our school.

There is a visual guide at the end of this document

OUTER WEAR

Outdoor wear must be practical, water resistant and plain in colour. Denim is not acceptable. Hooded tops, hats or caps are not allowed in school.

TROUSERS/SKIRT

These need to be plain black. Skirts need to be at least to the knee.
Jean style trousers, leggings and jogging/tracksuit trousers are not acceptable. Students will be asked to change into trousers or skirts if they do not comply.

BLAZER

Cathays High School blazers must be worn at all times around the school. These are available from YC Sports and are navy with a yellow stripe. Blazers are only to be removed with a class teacher's permission (*The Head teacher will review the policy on the wearing of blazers in the Summer Term during exceptionally hot periods*).

SHIRT

Students must wear a white shirt suitable for a tie. Shirts can be long or short sleeved. A T-shirt must not be visible under a pupil's shirt. Pupils wearing short sleeve shirts must not wear a long sleeved top underneath.

TIE

The clip-on school tie represents the three colours of the schools' badge and must be worn with the shirt. These are available from YC Sports. The school tie must be worn at all times.

JUMPER

The school jumper is a navy V Neck with yellow and blue piping. **This is optional** and may be worn **over the shirt and tie and under the blazer**. This is designed for additional warmth and must not replace the school blazer. These are available from YC Sports.

SHOES

Students must wear sensible, black shoes suitable for bad weather and stone stairs. The maximum heel height is 54mm (2 inches). Trainers or sandals are not acceptable. A guide to what shoes are acceptable is attached. Boots over ankle height are not allowed. Laces should be black.

HEADSCARVES

Students wearing headscarves for religious reasons are reminded that these must be plain (not patterned) and either plain navy or black.

JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

A number of departments would expect the removal of jewellery and piercings on health and safety grounds. The school policy, therefore, is that unsuitable, excessive or dangerous jewellery or piercings must not be worn.

For example, large hoop or dangling earrings would be removed and confiscated if the problem persists.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM

We expect all students to have pride in wearing the school uniform and to comply daily. All staff will ensure that pupils comply with school uniform regulations.

If students fail to attend in appropriate school uniform, we will contact parents to arrange for the correct items of clothing to be brought into school.

We may consider providing students with some alternatives on the first occasion. Repeated failure to comply with our rules on school uniform will result in further parental contact, after-school reflections and time in our Behaviour Support Base until the situation is rectified.

*Confiscated items must be labelled and passed to the **Inclusion and Wellbeing Team**.
They will be returned to the pupil at the end of the day.*



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School Uniform



The school blazer, white shirt and tie are compulsory.



The school jumper is optional for warmth and has to be worn under a blazer. Wear a plain coat that is waterproof and practical. A coat must be worn over the blazer.



Plain black trousers and skirt are acceptable. Tracksuit bottoms and jeans are not acceptable.



Plain black shoes or plimsolls are acceptable. Trainers, boots and branded footwear are not acceptable.



Headscarves and Hijabs are allowed for religious reasons but have to be plain black or navy with no patterns.





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The pictures below are examples of unacceptable footwear. If a student comes to school wearing any of these, or similar (that are not plain black shoes or plimsolls), they will be made to wear school plimsolls.



The examples below are not acceptable. If a student comes into school wearing any of these or similar (that are not plain black trousers), we will contact parents and students will be asked to change. Students will be asked to change if their skirt is too short.



We expect all students to wear a blazer, shirt and tie alongside a black skirt or pair of trousers and plain, black shoes.

**Show pride in the school by wearing the correct uniform
and being ready to learn.**

Thank you