

Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy – September 2021

At Prestatyn High School we have high expectations and this is also the case with our uniform. We aim to have a uniform that is sensible, practical and easily maintained; and one that students will wear with pride. Students should be dressed smartly and in an appropriate way; fit for a learning environment and ready to learn. Every student is expected to meet our high standards of dress and to take a pride in their appearance. The uniform contributes to our school ethos and values.

Our uniform has been developed in consultation with pupils, parents, governors and the local community. A uniform working party was set up to fully consult on the process of changing the school uniform. The working party has worked closely with uniform suppliers so that the uniform is of high quality and is very affordable. In order to further support families, the Governing Body agreed that financial support would be available for pupils that are in receipt of Free School Meals. In addition, for pupils starting in Year 7 in September 2021, parents may be entitled to receive a grant towards the cost of their school uniform.

Aims

Our uniform is a positive expression of our ethos, values and aspirations.

The wearing of our uniform should encourage pupils to treat each other and the school environment with respect. It should support pupils in learning how to dress in a manner appropriate to the activity being undertaken and the environment they are inhabiting.

Objectives

- To set high standards of dress across the school
- To outline the consequences and sanctions for students not meeting expectations
- To encourage students to take a pride in themselves and in their school
- To ensure students from less affluent homes are not disadvantaged
- Uniform to remain high profile and to be monitored by all staff as a measure of our high standards

Communication with Parents

This policy is available on the school website and in the new intake induction packs. Prospective parents are sent clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child. There will be regular leaflets with reminders about the uniform expectations.

Equal Opportunities

We will seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect the requirements of different religious faiths with regards to acceptable variations of the school uniform. We are sensitive to and demonstrate a respect for the needs of different cultures, races and religions, and their needs are accommodated within this policy.

Health and Safety

Any religious variations to our uniform must still comply with our Health and Safety requirements. Health and Safety is considered in relation to appropriate dress codes for Sixth Formers.

To promote a healthy lifestyle, our uniform does not preclude walking or cycling to school. Pupils are permitted to wear light colours and reflective materials over their uniform, so that pupils are as visible as possible when walking or cycling to school during the winter months.

Procedure in the Event of Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with the uniform policy is investigated directly case by case. We may impose sanctions for breach of the uniform policy. Persistent non-compliance with the uniform requirements will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter by the Head of Year or Assistant to the Head of Year.

Pupils can expect to be challenged if they fall short of our high expectations. All staff will monitor uniform. Pupils at Prestatyn High School are ambassadors for themselves and for our school when they are in school and out in the community. Should a pupil not be in the appropriate uniform, we may ask a pupil to go home to change their clothes. This will be for no longer than is necessary to effect the change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. In such cases parents will be notified. If this cannot happen, pupils will be given one day only to rectify breaches of uniform requirements.

Exclusion is not usually an appropriate response to breaches of this policy, except where persistent and defiant. Students may be sent to the Isolation Room or sent home for repeated non-compliance of uniform requirements and refusal to comply with alternatives provided.

Similarly with PE kit; pupils must organise themselves and bring kit to school when required. They are expected to borrow some if they forget. Repeated failure to bring kit can also lead to further sanctions and parents/carers will be contacted.

It is the responsibility of the pastoral teams who are stationed on the doors in the morning to check uniform at the start of the day. The registration tutors will also check uniform in form time. It is then the responsibility of all teaching staff to check school uniform as pupils leave their classroom. All staff in all lessons must monitor and act when standards fall short. If there is a more serious challenge, a breach of uniform policy, or a repeated offence then pupils will be withdrawn from mainstream lessons, where they will still be able to access appropriate learning, until the issue is resolved. Pupils will be sent to the Isolation Room and parents/ carers will be informed. In some cases, school may either lend items of uniform or parents/carers may have to bring correct items to school in order for pupils to return to lessons. For serious breaches which cannot be rectified, pupils will remain in the inclusion unit until the issue can be resolved.

Examples of when this may occur:

Incorrect hairstyle; incorrect footwear; facial piercings; no blazer; wrong skirt; incorrect trousers; inappropriate jewellery; inappropriate makeup or nails; persistent lack of PE kit and repeat offences.

Uniform Description

School uniform will be worn whenever pupils are on site at Prestatyn High School. This includes the journey to and from school and on school visits as required and includes expectations on shoes and hair, make-up and jewellery.



Socks:

Socks should be black, grey or white and above the ankle. Girls' tights in black or grey.

Shorts:

Pupils are permitted to wear shorts in the summer term only. The summer term usually falls between April and July.

Hair:

Hair must be neat, tidy and of a style acceptable to the school, avoiding extremes. Pupils should avoid extremes of personal appearance, this includes hair colouring and haircuts. Hair colourings should be a natural or subtle colour only.

Make-up and jewellery:

No visible piercings are allowed other than one stud/ sleeper per ear and only one flat ring. Anyone planning a piercing should book it for the summer holiday so it is healed by September as it will need to be removed for school. No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities.

Nails and make-up should be subtle and natural. Nails should not be too long and false nails need to be short in length, not visible above the fingertip, subtle and natural in colour.

Bag:

Pupils are required to bring a bag with them every day so that they can carry equipment and books needed for their lessons that day.

Mobile phone:

Pupils can have their mobile phones out during their free time (such as break and lunchtimes). Mobile phones and headphones must not be used during lesson time or during lesson changeover.

6th Form Dress Code

Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code policy and wear clothes which would be suitable in a professional working environment.

Full details can be found on Page 16.



Dress Code -**Extra Curricular Activities**

Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to the colour code and wear clothes which would be suitable in a professional working environment.

- Black trousers or skirts are to be worn: 1 jeans and jeggings are not permitted. All trousers need to be worn around the waist and not low slung. Skirts should be no shorter than mid thigh.
- 2. Tights are to be black or grey. Leggings are acceptable but only if they are worn under a skirt or dress.
- 3. Black shoes or trainer type shoes are acceptable but must be black.
- 4. Boots are acceptable but only if worn under trousers and must be black.
- Shorts should not be worn. Hats should not be worn inside the 5
- building.
- Black, white or grey plain t-shirts, jumpers, shirts or cardigans may be worn but should not display offensive language or slogans. If there is a logo then it needs to be small. Tops should have modest necklines and be long enough to cover the midriff.
- 7. Hairstyles should not be extreme, either in terms of colour or cut.
- 8. Extremes of jewellery are not allowed for health and safety reasons or in case valuable items are lost. When it is worn it should be unobtrusive with only small ear studs/sleepers being preferred for those with pierced ears. Other visible body piercing such as nose studs, eyebrow jewellery or lip and tongue piercings are not permitted. All students will be asked to remove them instantly if they decide to come to school wearing them. Failure to do so will result in the student being asked to go home until the item is removed. All tattoos should be covered.

All students are reminded that they are in a working/learning environment alongside other adults and younger children. They should therefore realise that a degree of professionalism is expected from them at all times. The final judgement on acceptable appearance lies with the Head of Sixth Form and the Headteacher. Further details are available in the 'Learning Agreement'

Extra Curricular Activities

The school runs a variety of extra curricular activities for students, for example:

Debating Society Sports Leaders Award SPY Young Enterprise Young Consumers Stock Market Challenge Sports Clubs Library Support ICT Support

One of the benefits of sixth form life is in the opportunities it brings to lead activities or clubs for younger pupils. It is to be hoped that all sixth form students will develop their social and leadership skills by helping to run a club or society in this way. All students will be expected to volunteer at least 1hr per week.

Key Dates

Important dates for the school year 2017-2018 will be published on the school's sixth form website.

All 6th form students MUST wear their lanyards at all times when on the school site

Physical Education

Essentials SS Training Tee

Crew Neck Style Silver reflective details Curved back yoke design Contrast colour panels and binding APTUS branded internal tape 100% Polyester Mesh, 160 gsm 40° wash

Prices from £8.50



Essentials Qtr Zip Top

Silver reflective details Quarter zip opening with zip guard Contrast colour panels and binding APTUS branded internal tape 100% Polyester, 215 gsm 40° wash

Prices from £17 (including logo)



Essentials LS Multisport Top

Essentials Training

Short Prices from £5.50

Reversible with internal bound seams Contrast colour ribbed neck panel for ease of wear which also retains shape around the base of the neck Shoulder panels with reflective silver tape detailing and contrast colour side panels and back panel strip highlight 100% Polyester interlock, 240 gsm 40° wash

Prices from £15.50

MITRE

Mercury

Contrast

Prices from £5.50

Sock

from Jean Emporium in Rhyl or First Class Clothes in Pre



Essentials Leggings Prices from £12.50



Shin pads and gum shields are strongly recommended for football, hockey and rugby.

No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons.

Uniform Suppliers

Jean Emporium, 3 Sussex Street, Rhyl

Ist Class Uniforms, 19 Kings Avenue, Prestatyn

These details are provided for information only.

Second hand uniform

If a pupil has received a voucher for their school blazer, the school respectfully requests that these blazers are returned to school so that they can be used by the school again. The school also welcomes any donations of second hand uniform should any pupil or parent wish to donate uniform that is no longer needed.

Second hand uniform will be washed and made available for pupils who have been unable to wear the correct uniform for issues that are out of their control e.g. their uniform has become dirty during the school day or issues with washing machines at home. This will be dealt with on a case by case basis. For pupils who are not wearing their uniform because they are being non-compliant, the section above on 'procedure in the event of non-compliance' will be followed.