

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON

UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

The Governors of King Edward VI School believe that smart School attire is an essential part of the ethos of the School.

In the First to Fifth Year, students are required to wear School uniform. When students enter the Sixth Form they are required to wear smart business dress. For the purposes of this policy, School attire for all years shall be referred to as 'School uniform'. In determining the uniform the School will seek the views of staff, parents and the pupils. Their views will be considered and taken into account.

The School Clothing Regulations for Upper and Lower School pupils follow.

Upper and Lower School uniform

The School reserves the right in all these matters to decide what is and what is not acceptable. If parents or pupils require further clarification on any of the regulations below they should contact the Head of the Upper or Lower School, as appropriate.

Items marked with two asterisks ** below **MUST** be purchased through Stevensons online (www.stevensons.co.uk) or in their store or our second-hand uniform shop (OBNO). Items marked with one asterisk * may be purchased through Stevensons online or in store, or OBNO. See the school website for details of these.

General appearance

Appearance must in all respects be smart, business-like and suitable for attendance at a place of work or study.

Pupils are required to wear School uniform to and from School and on all School occasions, unless directed otherwise.

Extravagant styles and colours will not be permitted. Hair styles, footwear and outdoor clothing must be in keeping with these general principles.

Hair should appear neat and tidy at all times. Hair colour must look natural. Facial hair is not permitted.

Clothing should not be oversize, undersize, unclean or in a poor state of repair.

Shirts should be of a suitable length so that they may be worn tucked in at all times.

Skirts and trousers should be worn around the waist.

Garments worn under shirts or blouses must be plain white and not visible above the shirt/blouse collar, below the end of the sleeve or the bottom of the blouse.

Coats are recommended for travel to and from School in the colder months. Students may choose to wear a School crested hoodie or tracksuit top or midlayer in place of a coat but non-School items should not be worn.

All clothing and other items must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

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General dress for boys

	Notes	
Navy blue boys' blazer	Blazer has a School badge embroidered on the breast pocket	**
School tie		**
School sweater	Optional	**
White shirt	Must be properly tailored, suitable for wearing with a tie and worn tucked in at all times. Shirts may be long or short sleeved.	*
Plain, dark grey trousers	Must be able to take and retain a permanent crease. Corduroy, denim, brushed cotton or other unsuitable materials are not allowed.	*
Plain dark socks		*
Plain black shoes	Must be suitable for School use. Extravagant styles, trainers or suede should not be worn.	
Jewellery is not allowed		

General dress for girls

	Notes	
Navy blue girls' blazer	Blazer has a School badge embroidered on the breast pocket	**
White rever collar blouse	Blouses can be short, three-quarter or full length sleeved	*
School skirt	To be worn at the knee	**
Plain, navy trousers		**
School sweater	Optional	**
Socks or tights	Tights must be flesh coloured or plain black. Socks should be short and plain black or flesh coloured footsies	*
Plain black shoes	Must be suitable for School use. Extravagant styles, trainers or suede should not be worn	
No jewellery, apart from one pair of ear studs, may be worn. The studs are to be worn one in each lower lobe.		
Nails must not be coloured.		
Lower School pupils are not allowed to wear make-up. Discreet make-up may be worn in the Upper School.		
Girls who cycle to and from School may wear tracksuit trousers for the journey. They must immediately change into their School skirt on their arrival, and change into trousers only just before they depart School.		

Summer uniform

Pupils may choose to wear normal uniform or summer uniform at any time during the second half of the summer term.

For summer uniform boys may remove their blazer and tie. The top button of their shirt may be undone when the tie is not worn.

For summer uniform girls may remove their blazer. A suitably discreet handbag may be carried.

Students do not have to wear either the blazer or the tie to and from School.

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Short or long sleeve shirts/blouses can be worn. If long sleeve shirts or blouses are worn, the sleeves must be neatly rolled to the elbow or buttoned at the cuff.

Physical education and games

Boys

	Notes	
Training shoes	Non-marking	
House shirt	For house sport and PE	**
Short white socks		*
Dark blue shorts with crest		**
White polo shirt with crest	For summer sport	**
Reversible rugby/hockey shirt	For Games	**
Crested school tracksuit	This comprises navy crested tracksuit bottoms and School midlayer or tracksuit top	**
Football or Rugby boots	with aluminium studs that conform to IRB regulations or moulded rubber studs (plastic studs are not permitted)	*
House socks		**
Hockey stick		*
Shin pads		*
Gumshield	Optional but highly recommended for hockey and rugby	*
Protective box for cricket		
Bag		*
Cricket sweater	Optional. Only plain white or School	*
Sunglasses	Optional	
Plain cricket white trousers	Optional for cricket lessons (in place of tracksuit bottoms) but boys selected for School cricket teams will require white cricket trousers	*
School base layers	Optional. These base layers can be worn underneath sports tops in the cold winter months.	**
Fitness Suite wear	Optional. Appropriate fitness wear may be worn in the Fitness Suite in line with the Fitness Suite Code of Conduct.	*
Swimming shorts/trunks	Must be above the knee. Needed for Second Year PE only.	

Girls

	Notes	
Training shoes	Non-marking	
House shirt	For house sport and PE	**
Short white socks		*
Navy skort with crest		**
White polo shirt with crest	For summer sport	**
Maroon games shirt with crest	For Games	**
Crested school tracksuit	This comprises navy crested tracksuit bottoms and midlayer or tracksuit top	**
House socks		**

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Hockey stick		*
Shin pads		*
Gumshield	Optional but highly recommended for Hockey	*
Bag		*
Sunglasses	Optional	
School base layers	Optional. These base layers can be worn underneath sports tops in the cold winter months.	**
Fitness Suite wear	Optional. Leggings and other appropriate fitness wear may be worn in the Fitness Suite in line with the Fitness Suite Code of Conduct.	*
Swimsuit	Must be one piece. Needed for Second Year PE only.	

Further information: Any parent in doubt about the above items should consult the Director of Sport. Please note that all pupils in First to Fifth Year must have the new sports kit which came into place in September 2016.

Responsibilities

It is the Head's responsibility to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented and maintained. The Head will also determine any questions of compliance with the regulations.

The Head Master delegates particular responsibilities concerning School uniform to the key pastoral staff under the guidance of the Assistant Head (Pastoral).

All members of staff have a responsibility to ensure students comply with the Clothing Regulations. Members of staff should report a student to his/her tutor and/or Head of Year for repeated non-compliance with the regulations.

If a pupil is required for reasons relating to their religion to wear an item, or to adopt an appearance, that might be interpreted as being in contravention of these regulations, the Head Master will consider the circumstance on receipt of a written communication from a person of authority in the religious community. However, the face is required to be visible at all times. Variations to uniform will also be considered on receipt of medical advice.

Sanctions

For minor breaches of the regulations a student shall be warned about their non-compliance with the regulations and asked to remedy the situation: for example, to get a haircut or have a shave in the School Nurse's office. For repeated minor breaches students could expect either a detention or to be placed on Uniform Report.

For major breaches of the regulations a pupil may receive a detention and/or placement on Uniform Report. The pupil may also be asked to leave the School premises to remedy the breach. This should be for no longer than is necessary to remedy the breach. This will not be considered to be an exclusion under the terms of the Parent Contract but an authorised absence. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules this will become a disciplinary issue and appropriate action will be taken including, if required, temporary exclusion as defined in the School's Pastoral Care, Behaviour and Discipline Policy. In all such cases, parents will be notified.

Breaches of the Clothing Regulations

Examples of minor breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

- Top button undone

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- Wrong colour socks
- Shirt untucked
- Skirt too short or improperly worn
- Incorrect school blouse
- Jewellery worn other than one pair of ear studs
- Undergarments the wrong colour or overtly visible
- Ill-fitting shoes
- Long hair (boys)
- Facial hair (boys)
- Coloured nails
- Incorrect PE or Games kit

Examples of major breaches of the Clothing Regulations are:

- Shaved head
- Unnatural hair colouring
- Offensive clothing

Complaints: The School's complaints policy and procedures shall be followed.

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