



Uniform and Personal Presentation Policy

Aims of the policy:

Upton Court Grammar School places great importance and value on our school uniform as a mark of pride in the school as well as a positive identification with our school community. Correct school uniform aligns with our value of Unity and our ethos of Be Proud. High standards of uniform and personal presentation set the tone for high levels of positive behaviour and learning.

Through our uniform and personal presentation policy we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school and a sense of belonging to the school community
- Enable pupils to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Clearly identify our students inside and outside of the school
- Ensure that no student feels excluded because of different social, religious and ethnic backgrounds
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way

Our expectations of uniform:

All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. This applies to students on and off the school site, such as travelling to and from school or on education visits where the wearing of uniform is requested. We expect all students, supported by their parents, to take personal responsibility for the presentation of their uniform and to ensure that it is worn correctly and consistently.

Parents must inform their child's form tutor if there is any reason affecting the wearing of correct school uniform by emailing the office or by writing a note in their child's planner.

Failure to comply with the school uniform policy may result in one or more of the following actions:

- Step 2 recorded on PARS
- Parents contacted
- For incorrect shoes and/or skirt, including incorrect length of skirt, a temporary replacement will be provided at school (see shoes that are not permitted below), which students must wear for the duration of the school day
- Parent meeting arranged or student sent home to rectify the situation

In the case of jewellery, electronic items, outside coats and other accessories, school staff can confiscate items. The school reserves the right to return confiscated items to students, parents or not at all.

Boys' uniform Years 7-13

Item	Description
Outer coat/jacket	Plain navy, black or dark grey (no hoodies or denim) – removed before entering any school building
Blazer with crest *	School issue with crest: Yrs 7-11 maroon; Yrs 12-13 navy. Must be worn at all times
Jumper with crest **	School issue with crest, long sleeved: Yrs 7-11 maroon; Yrs 12-13 navy. No black cardigans, etc
Shirt	White cotton, top button done and tucked in at all times (long or short sleeved)
Trousers	Black, smart (not low hanging)
Tie	School issue: top knot neat, tie length to meet waist of trousers, 'wide' side of tie in front: Yrs 7-11 school issue navy with maroon stripes; Yrs 12-13 school issue maroon with navy stripes
Socks	Plain black
Shoes	Black formal shoes (no boots, trainers, sandals, canvas, soft shoes or velcro). See Appendix A and B for guidance.
Jewellery	None other than religious band/necklace (narrow, hidden). One small plain pair of stud earrings allowed. No 'friendship bands', other piercings (including nose)
Hair	Neat and tidy; shaved patterns or shapes are not allowed. No elaborate hair colours.
Electronic equipment	No visible signs of electronic equipment (MP3 players, headphones, mobile phones etc) on the school site, in the school buildings (including corridors) at any time, including before and after lessons, break and lunchtimes, unless directed by a member of staff

* It is compulsory for boys of all year groups to wear a school blazer

** Jumper is optional

Girls' uniform Years 7-13

Item	Description
Outer coat/jacket	Plain navy, black or dark grey (no hoodies or denim) – removed before entering any school building
Blazer with crest *	School issue with crest: Yrs 7-11 maroon; Must be worn at all times. Yrs 12-13 navy
Jumper with crest **	School issue with crest, long sleeved: Yrs 7-11 maroon; Yrs 12-13 navy. No black cardigans, etc
Shirt	White open neck blouse
Trousers ***	Black, smart (no 'skinny' trousers/leggings, denim or similar to jeans). Trousers must reach the ankle at least
Skirt ***	Plain black or dark grey (must reach knee length at least). No lycra or tight skirts
Tie ****	School issue: top knot neat, tie length to meet waist of trousers, 'wide' side of tie in front
Socks	Plain black (Summer Term)
Tights	Plain black, no patterns (Autumn/Spring Term)
Shoes	Black formal shoes (no boots, trainers, sandals, canvas, soft shoes, heels or velcro)
Jewellery	None other than religious band/necklace (narrow, hidden). Plain, small and discreet studs (no pearls, colourful studs, etc). No 'friendship bands', other piercings (including nose)
Hair	Neat and tidy; shaved patterns or shapes are not allowed. No elaborate hair accessories or colours
Headscarf	Plain black, navy or white (no patterns)
Makeup	Makeup is not allowed – this includes nail varnish/false or acrylic nails
Electronic equipment	No visible signs of electronic equipment (MP3 players, headphones, mobile phones etc) on the school site, in the school buildings (including corridors) at any time, including before and after lessons, break and lunchtimes, unless directed by a member of staff

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*** Girls may choose between the skirt and the trousers

****Ties are optional for girls, but if choosing to wear one, it must be worn appropriately and with closed neck shirt

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Appendix A: footwear that is not permitted.

The list of examples below is not exhaustive and used for example purposes.

Girls and boys



Appendix B: footwear that is permitted.

The list of examples below is not exhaustive and used for example purposes.

Boys



Girls

