

## Court Fields School – Uniform Policy 2023/24

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. If anyone arrives at school in non-uniform clothing we will contact parents/carers and students may expect to be sent home to get changed or 'borrow' suitable uniform temporarily from the Hub. Staff do not want to be distracted from the main purpose of teaching and learning by having to deal with students who do not wear the correct school uniform.

*All uniform is available from South West Schoolwear. This can be purchased online at [www.swschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk) or at their shop in Taunton. Blazers, jumpers and ties are also available from [www.trutexdirect.com](http://www.trutexdirect.com) – Court Fields page.*

### **UNIFORM**

- **Black Blazer** with Court Fields School emblem. Year 11 only may wear a plain black jumper (no logo other than school logo) instead of a blazer. This can be a round or 'V' neck knitted jumper (no sweatshirts).
- **White traditional shirt** - not a polo or sports shirt – (a plain, white T-shirt may be worn under the shirt). Shirts must be tucked in.
- **School clip-on tie (only available from the school)**
- **Black trousers.** No faded trousers, chinos, denim or denim look, jeans, joggers, jeggings or leggings should be worn. Black knee-length formal tailored shorts are permitted in the summer term.
- **Black skirt.** Knee length pleated tailored skirt – only available from South West Schoolwear, Marks & Spencer or Asda. Skirts of a jersey or stretchy material are not allowed.
- **Plain black socks or plain black tights.** white, coloured or socks with very obvious logos are not allowed
- **Black jumper with Court Fields School emblem** to be worn under the blazer (optional).
- **Black, plain belt.** This should have a standard buckle with no extreme designs (optional).
- **Plain black leather/synthetic/leather-look shoes.** Must be practical and able to be polished. No material/ canvas/ suede Vans-style shoes or trainers, Converse, 'dolly' shoes, heeled shoes other than a low heel, or boots are allowed. Patent black shoes are acceptable.

**Outdoor coats** – A plain weather-proof coat. Students are encouraged to wear fluorescent clothing if cycling or walking to school. Multi-coloured coats, denim coats or jackets, leather coats or jackets, coats with inappropriate badges or slogans, tracksuit tops, hoodies, zipped hoodies or sweatshirts are not to be worn.

**Jewellery** – Students who have their ears pierced may wear one pair of small stud earrings only (this can be in the lobe or top of the ear). Bars, hoops, or earrings other than small studs are not allowed. Facial or body piercings including nose studs or plastic retainers are not allowed. Students may wear one discreet necklace, bracelet and one ring per hand. Jewellery of any sort must be removed during PE. Students are advised, if they wish to have a piercing, to do this at the start of the Summer Holiday, so that it may be removed for school or PE as required once term starts.

**Make-up** – Should be natural looking and appropriate to a school/work setting. No long or false nails are allowed. Nail varnish must be clear or of a pale, natural colour.

**Hair** – Should be well groomed and tidy. Beads in the hair are unacceptable. Hair dyed in unnatural colours is also unacceptable. Extremes of hairstyle, including shaved patterns are not permitted. Students must be reasonably clean-shaven.

**Appropriate school bag** – of a size suitable for books/equipment and design appropriate for school (not handbags or mini cross-body bags).

On any occasion, including non-uniform days, students may be asked to modify their uniform on grounds of Health & Safety or if they are affecting the learning of others.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT**

**Court Fields new-style sports top, black shorts or black sports leggings** (black tracksuit bottoms are optional), **black football socks (for football/rugby/hockey), black sports socks, trainers** (these should be sports trainers, any shoes worn as 'school shoes' are not appropriate for PE)

**Shin pads and football boots** are compulsory for hockey and football. Football socks must be worn with shin pads. It is compulsory that students bring a well-fitting **mouth guard for rugby and hockey**. They will not be able to take part in these sports without this equipment.

**Court Fields PE Hoody, Rain Jacket, Games Shirt or Half-Zip Sports Top** (optional for all outdoor sports, especially in the Autumn, Winter and Spring, but compulsory when playing in Rugby fixtures).

PE is a legal part of students' education and PE kit is vital. Any student not arriving in PE kit will have to borrow kit. Students who have a note to excuse them from PE must still change into their kit to play a supporting role in the lesson (unless extenuating circumstances). This is especially important in inclement weather.

We advise that all items should be clearly labelled with the student's name. Please note that if a shop sells clothing/trainers in its school section this may not mean that those items comply with our school uniform policy. If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor/Head of Year for guidance. Students who do not adhere to our uniform policy may be asked to return home to change, isolated or otherwise sanctioned until such time as they conform accordingly. This is in line with advice to Headteachers provided by the DfE.