St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

# Years 7 - 11

# Uniform Policy

# 2026-2027

**Reviewed and Approved by Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes Committee**
**On: 4th June 2026**

**Next review date: Summer 2027**

**SLT is responsible for oversight of this policy's implementation**

**Mission Statement**
**MAY WE BE ONE**
In purpose – educating for life in all its fullness
In faith – encountering God who lives among us, calling us to unity
In dignity – nurturing confidence and maturity
In community – striving together for justice, love and peace

St. Edward's school expects all of our students to take pride in their appearance, and to wear our school uniform correctly at all times on campus and when travelling to and from school.

Our Mission Statement calls us to be one in community and therefore in choosing a school with high expectations, including with regard to uniform, personal preference must be set aside, so that it is never suggested or implied that our rules apply to some but not others. As with all aspects of school, there will be different views among families regarding 'acceptable' styles. This policy makes clear what is considered acceptable by the school. There are no exceptions to our expectations regarding uniform and any student not wearing the correct uniform will be temporarily loaned the required item, until they have secured their own replacement. Full acceptance of our published policy, as with all school policies, is a requirement of a child sustaining their place at St. Edward's. The Governing Body assert its legal right to a policy governing student dress and appearance. School staff are expected to strictly enforce this and all policies, in the interests of fairness and compliance with school standards.

**<u>Uniform Principles</u>**

- We expect support from parents and carers with regard to school uniform and student appearance so that our students are a credit to themselves, their families and the school.
- The purpose of our students' uniform code is to encourage a smart appearance which also promotes a feeling of pride and self-respect.
- All school staff will secure our expectations with all students so that they experience consistency.
- The uniform code is designed to be in keeping with an atmosphere in school which is focused on learning, and it also gives due consideration to the health and safety of our students.
- Students represent the school beyond our school gates and are covered by the behaviour policy travelling to and from school.
- If a student is unable to wear full uniform on a particular day, this must be covered by a note from a parent or carer, and corrected uniform will be expected on the following day. A student may be required to wear uniform temporarily loaned by the school and refusal to do so will be treated as defiance and dealt with accordingly.
- Students not wearing the correct uniform send out a signal to other students that uniform is not important. We may remove from circulation a student who does not comply with our school uniform policy without good reason, as this will be seen as defiance. Alternatively, or in addition, if the school considers that the non-compliance is deliberate, the full range of sanctions, including exclusion, may be used. In addition the law authorises schools to send a student home to correct their uniform.
- Any temporary requests for variation to normal uniform on medical grounds must be supported by medical evidence, such as a doctor's note.
- Students are expected to wear full school uniform throughout the school year and to replace items which are outgrown immediately.
- The decision of the school regarding uniform and appearance is final.
- The school will not spend valuable time discussing our policies, including uniform with students, or their families. Acceptance of our policies will be assumed by a student continuing to want a place in our over-subscribed school.
- The governors' policy indicates uniform items that must be purchased through our official uniform supplier (see further in policy). The suppliers are reviewed annually to ensure that their prices are competitive.

In making this provision, the Governing Body will ensure that high standards of uniform do not deteriorate through purchase of items other than those available through the school official suppliers. Governors will expect the school's leadership team to rigorously enforce the published uniform code throughout the year.

**The Uniform Code forms part of the Home-School Agreement** and adherence to the code is essential to achieve the following aims:-

1 Achieve a clear and positive identity for the school and our students.

2 Give an indication that we are a well-ordered and disciplined school that sets **high standards** in all matters.

3 Ensure students are in full uniform both **in school and on the way to and from school.**

4 Provide practical but **smart** and 'business like' clothing suitable both for use within school and for movement around our site.

5 To take into account that some items, such as appropriate footwear, take into account Health and Safety considerations in different areas of the campus,and the need for students to remain comfortable in inclement weather.

6 Help parents and carers by requiring reasonably priced school wear which protects the students from pressure to conform to the whims of fashion.

7 We apply our uniform policy in line with the Equality Act 2010.

**The supplier for our school uniform and school PE kit is: Price & Buckland, orders can be made online at price-buckland.co.uk**
**They offer a fortnightly delivery service to the school for deliveries and returns.**
**We keep a small stock of pre-loved school uniform for sale. Please enquire for details.**

# All Years - Boys' Uniform Code

**** Asterix are branded items***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Blazer** | • Regulation black school blazer as supplied by our outfitters<br>• Must be worn at all times |  |
| **Trousers** | • Black school trousers as supplied by our outfitters or high street retail outlets<br>• Shorts should not be worn underneath trousers and must be worn at the waistline |  |
| **Belts** | • Belts should be a traditional black leather style belt with a traditional buckle. Buckles should not be branded or carry a logo |  |
| ***Shirts** | • Regulation blue and white pin stripe short or long sleeved shirts as supplied by our outfitters<br>• Shirts must be tucked in at all times |  |
| ***Tie** | • Blue and gold stripe tie with St. Edward's badge as supplied by our outfitters |  |
| **Socks** | • Plain black socks | |
| **Shoes** | • Traditional black school shoes.<br>No trainers of any description or colour are allowed.<br>*Students will not be allowed to wear trainers or other non-school shoes if they outgrow or damage their shoes in the weeks leading up to a school holiday.*<br>*Traditional school shoes will be loaned temporarily if students do not have the correct footwear. Requests to wear anything other than the above for medical reasons must be accompanied by a note outlining the medical issue and timescales.* | **See page 10 for examples** |
| **Jewellery** | • One stud per earlobe is allowed, but no other visible piercings. Helix piercings are not acceptable under any circumstances. *This includes but is not limited to; nose, lip, eyebrow and tongue piercings. Lobe stretching in the form of flesh-lobes, flesh tunnels or flesh plugs are unacceptable.*<br>• One discreet finger ring<br>• One small cross/crucifix and chain<br>• No other visible jewellery is allowed other than a watch. | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | • Allowance will *not* be made for recent additional piercings (i.e. a student needing to keep an additional piercing in place in the early stages of healing). | |
| **Hair** | • Conventional style and of consistent, natural looking colour. If in doubt, check in advance of having a significant change in style or colour. Long hair will need to be tied back in practical lessons, for safety reasons. Hair must be no shorter than Grade 2 on any area of their head, no tramlines or markings cut into the hair. Patterns shaved into the eyebrows are also unacceptable. Extreme styles and colours are not allowed. **The school will decide on the acceptability of styles.** Students may be kept out of circulation if the school considers a style to be unacceptable. | |

| **Optional Items** | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Shorts (only from the start of the Summer term until end of October)** | • Black school shorts as supplied by our outfitters |  |
| **Jumper** | • School black jumper as supplied by our outfitters<br>• **Not to be worn instead of the school blazer** |  |

# All Years - Girls' Uniform Code

**** Asterix are branded items***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Blazer** | • Fitted black school blazer as supplied by our outfitters<br>• Must be worn at all times |  |
| **Skirt or trousers** | • Knee length black full pleated skirt as supplied by our outfitters **or** high street retail outlets<br>• Black school trousers, either 'straight leg or tapered' as supplied by our outfitters **or** high street retail outlets. 'Skinny fit' trousers are not acceptable.  |  |
| ***Blouse** | • Blue and white pin stripe fitted blouse with ¾ length sleeve as supplied by our outfitters |  |
| **Socks or Tights** | • Socks must be black and worn at the ankle or below the knee.<br>• Tights must be plain, black or natural and not patterned, with no footless tights or leggings. It is a good idea for students to have a spare pair in case tights ladder during the day | |
| **Shoes** | • Traditional black school shoes. Shoes with heels higher than 1cm are not permitted.<br>No trainers of any description or colour are allowed.<br>*Students will not be allowed to wear trainers or other non-school shoes if they outgrow or damage their shoes in the weeks leading up to a school holiday.*<br>*Traditional school shoes will be loaned if students do not have the correct footwear. Requests to wear anything other than the above for medical reasons must be accompanied by a note outlining the medical issue and timescales.* | **See page 10 for examples** |
| | • One stud per earlobe is allowed, but no other visible piercings. Helix piercings are not acceptable under any circumstances. *This includes but is not limited to; nose, lip, eyebrow and tongue piercings. Lobe stretching in the form of flesh-lobes, flesh tunnels or flesh plugs are unacceptable.*<br>• One discreet finger ring<br>• One small cross/crucifix and chain<br>• No other visible jewellery is allowed other than a watch.<br>• Allowance will *not* be made for recent additional piercings (i.e. a student needing to keep an additional piercing in place in the early stages of healing). | |
| **Hair** | • Conventional style and of consistent, natural looking colour. If in doubt, check in advance of having a significant change in style or colour. Long hair will need to be tied back in practical lessons, for safety reasons. Hair must be no shorter than Grade 2 on any area of their head, no tramlines or markings cut into the hair. Patterns shaved into the eyebrows are also unacceptable. Extreme styles and colours are not allowed. **The school will** | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **decide on the acceptability of styles.** Students may be kept out of circulation if the school considers a style to be unacceptable. | |
| **Make up** | • Discreet make up is allowed but no coloured nail varnish.<br>• Acrylic nails are not allowed in school.<br>• **Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make up or nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes.** | |

| **Optional Items** | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Shorts (only from the start of the Summer term until end of October)** | • Black school shorts as supplied by our outfitters |  |
| **Jumper** | • School black jumper as supplied by our outfitters<br>**Not to be worn instead of the school blazer** |  |

## Outer Clothing

**Students are expected to travel to and from school in their uniform**

- Blazer with badge to be worn at all times of the year
- Cycle helmet and safety reflective bands are recommended for cyclists.
- Bags need to be suitable for carrying text books and school equipment and protect them from the elements. Fashion bags are not suitable.
- Coats should be smart, reflecting the standards of dress expected at St Edward's school. Hoodies may not be substituted for school jumpers.

## Trips, Residential Visits and Non Uniform Days

Clothing for day visits, *non-uniform days* and residential trips must be smart casual. This means that beachwear is unacceptable. School uniform may be required on certain visits as notified by the trip leader. This code also applies to any non-uniform days, unless otherwise instructed.

- No shoestring/strapless tops/crop tops/ vest tops
- No flip-flops or shoes without a strap to support the heel
- No leggings to be worn unless covered with a respectable length top or skirt
- Jeans are acceptable but must not have holes or tears
- No dresses and skirts with holes or tears
- Dresses, skirts and shorts must be of a respectable length
- No fancy dress unless part of a themed day
- School policy regarding piercings applies equally on non-uniform days or on school trips.

For day trips you may be refused permission to attend the trip if your clothing is unsuitable and does not adhere to the code above.

For residential trips staff have the right to ask you to change if you do not adhere to the above dress code.

Anyone who does not follow the regulations on non-uniform days will be sent home to change or will be removed from circulation.

## Summer Uniform

During warmer weather, the school still has high expectations of students to be wearing the correct uniform.

<u>Summer Uniform</u>
The school makes provision for warmer weather through adjustments to its normal uniform code. School shorts may be worn for the duration of the summer term up to, but not beyond the October half-term.

<u>Blazers</u>
When the school determines that the weather is too warm to wear full uniform during the day, students will be permitted to remove their blazers by staff. Blazers should continue to be brought to school so that full uniform can be resumed if the weather changes.
In very hot weather, the school may relax uniform expectations further.

The school will make the decision when to relax the uniform and this will be made on a day by day basis.

<u>Shorts</u>
Shorts may be purchased (only) from our outfitters for use during the summer uniform period above. A version for male and female students is available. Shorts must be worn with black ankle socks (nb. Trainer socks, or knee-length socks, or patterned/logo socks will not be permitted).
The blazer must also be worn except in circumstances detailed above.

# PE Kit

| PE KIT **Asterix is a branded item* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***St. Edward's unisex Polo shirt** |  | **Navy Shorts** *As supplied by our outfitters or high street retail outlets* |  |
| **Unisex Sports socks** *Can be either navy and gold, or plain navy These are required for outside sports as they cover shin pads, which are also required* |  | | |

| OPTIONAL ITEMS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **St. Edward's Girls skort** |  | **St. Edward's unisex ¼ zip mid layer top** *This item cannot be used for rugby due to Health and Safety Item also available unbranded from our outfitters* |  |
| **Leggings** *Slim fit with no logo supplied by our outfitters* |  | **St. Edward's Trackpants** *Slim fit Also available with no logo supplied by our outfitters* |  |
| **St. Edward's unisex reversible sports shirt** *For students playing contact rugby* |  | | |

**All PE Kit MUST be named please**

**PE staff will inform students in advance of the kit needed for individual sports**

PLEASE NOTE: Aerosols are not permitted in school *as these pose a risk to asthmatics.*

| |
|---|
| White short socks for indoor sports |
| Studded football boots (not astro trainers) |
| Trainers (non marking soles only) |
| Shin pads required for outdoor sports |
| Gum shield |
| Towel – if students wish to shower (optional) |

Trainers, including black trainers and canvas shoes are **not** allowed.
*Shoes with obvious brand logos, and* boots are also **not** allowed.

## SHOES

In particular can we please draw your attention the photos of acceptable footwear, as some shops do advertise some inappropriate footwear as "school shoes" and we want to prevent any confusion or financial inconvenience when new shoes don't meet the uniform code and have to be returned.



All of these 'shoes' are from the Sports Direct school range. The shoes marked with a red circle are not suitable for St. Edward's.



We are grateful for the support parents and carers show us in upholding these standards to make students at St Edward's smart and proud of the school they attend.

**Policy Review**

The Governing body will review this policy annually and associated procedures to ensure its continuing appropriateness and effectiveness. The review will take place in consultation with the headteacher, staff and parents and carer.

Our school uniform and school PE kit is available online from Price & Buckland
Website: price-buckland.co.uk