



Uniform Policy

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ABBAY COLLEGE, RAMSEY UNIFORM POLICY

1. Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

2. Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body

- Monitors and reviews the school uniform policy.
- Seeks the views of parents to ensure they agree with and support the policy.
- Requires the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the implementation of the policy.

The Headteacher

- Implements and monitors the policy on a day-to-day basis.
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained.
- Is responsible, along with the RSLs and Student Support Team, for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules and will contact parents/carers as required.
- Considers any requests from parents for special dispensation with regard to uniform.

Staff

- Support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform.
- Are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing.
- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when students fail to wear correct school uniform.
- Are aware of students whose standard of dress may indicate care issues at home and report concerns via MyConcern
- Give positive encouragement to students setting good examples of dress.

Parents/Carers

- Support the School Uniform Policy.
- Ensure their students are appropriately dressed, wearing correct uniform and are ready to learn.
- Ensure that they keep their child's school uniform clean and in good condition.
- Contact the Welfare department where there are financial barriers to purchasing school uniform.

Students

- Wear correct school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.
- Wear their uniform with pride.
- Keep their uniform clean and tidy.
- Remember to bring PE kit on the correct days.

3. The uniform for Years 7 to 11 comprises:

Item	Guidelines
Blue blazer with the school logo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be worn at all times • When the weather is particularly hot, the Headteacher will let parents and students know that they do not have to wear their blazer outside of the classroom
White shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a high collar suitable for wearing a tie • Must be tucked in at all times • No other visible tops should be seen under shirts
School tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In year group colours
Full length plain black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings, skinny cut trousers and denim of any type are not permitted • Buttons and zips only for fastening, not for decoration • Belts must be discreet. • Must be worn with black socks
Tartan knee length skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be worn with opaque tights • Must not be rolled at the waist
Smart, black, leather shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers, boots, canvas shoes and 'dolly style' slip on shoes are not acceptable • High heels must not be worn
School jumper (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be worn under the blazer, not instead of it
jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visible bangles, bracelets or necklaces. • One small plain ring per hand • No facial piercings (eyebrows, tongue, lip or chin) except a small discreet nose stud. • One small stud or hoop in each ear under ½ cm in size • Ear stretchers are not permitted
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up must be discreet. • No nail varnish – coloured or clear • No acrylic nails • False eyelashes must not be worn
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be one natural colour • No extreme haircuts or colours
Coats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hooded tops, fleeces, tracksuit tops, brightly coloured jackets or heavily branded coats/jackets are to be worn as coats in the College. • A plain coat, hat and scarf can be worn outside but must not be worn in any building or during lesson time

4. Sixth Form Dress Code

At Abbey College, we want all our sixth formers to dress in a smart and practical way, which follows a College code but which allows for individuality. All sixth formers will be asked to sign up to the Code and dress accordingly.

	Permitted items	Not permitted
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart trousers • Plain dark jeans • Shirts/collared t shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ripped style jeans • blue denim • sportswear including joggers or gym

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain jumpers/cardigans • Plain skirts • Plain blouses/T shirts • Tailored shorts 	leggings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short length skirts • hoodies • sports/jersey shorts • hats • patterned or fish net tights • flip flops • high heels • heavy-duty boots
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be one natural colour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extreme haircuts or colours
Make up and Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makeup and nail varnish must be discrete • Jewellery must be kept to a minimum and discrete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ear stretchers • visible tatoos

5. Abbey College PE Kit

- Navy Abbey College Polo shirt
- Navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms with Abbey College logo
- Football boots – moulded studs if possible
- Navy Rugby shirt
- White sport socks or AC football socks
- Trainers or AstroTurf's
- Recommended – shin pads, gumshield
- Optional – AC logo jumper

6. Second Hand uniform

Abbey College Parent's Forum runs the Preloved School Uniform scheme as part of its fundraising activities. We ask parents to donate outgrown or unused uniform by leaving clean bagged up donations at School Reception. All donations are inspected carefully, and we repair items where needed. We are passionate about sustainability, so we always repair where possible, but where an item of clothing is not smart enough to be worn, we recycle or reuse e.g., we sell lavender bags made from old school shirts and locally grown lavender, and pencil cases made from old blazers with shiny sleeves!

We regularly consult our supportive parents on Parent's Forum on the price and accessibility of our preloved uniform and this has helped us to provide a valued and convenient service.

This Policy can be amended as necessary to deal with any unforeseen future interpretations.