



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

**Uniform
and
Appearance**



Justice Love Service Hope



"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" JOHN 10:10



Courage Reconciliation Faith
Community



***UNIFORM AND KIT IS COMPULSORY AND SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED
WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME***

We try to encourage in our students a sense of pride in belonging to the school and a sense of confidence coming from a smart appearance suitable for all school occasions. Accordingly the school has a simple, inexpensive but strict uniform policy. Any student not in full school uniform or whose appearance does not meet our standards may be sent home. If there is a genuine emergency, a note should be sent to the appropriate head of year.

Full uniform is to be worn on all school occasions unless permission is given to the contrary. It should be worn to and from school.

We have tried to be specific whilst avoiding fine detail but if you are unsure about a uniform issue please check with us BEFORE purchase or use for school.

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GIRLS IN YEARS 7 & 8

- Skirt:** Plain, dark grey skirt or pinafore dress of a suitable style for school. Skirt length should be below the knee. If the skirt has a split; the split must be below the knee.
- Trousers:** Grey tailored school trousers in a traditional style.
- Blouse:** Plain, pale blue. Button to neck.
- Tie:** Ties are compulsory in Years 7 and 8.
- Jumper:** Grey, v-neck, jumper or cardigan (not with zips) (optional). Sweatshirts or track-suit tops may not be worn.
- Socks:** Plain white or grey. Flesh-coloured, black or grey tights.

BOYS IN YEARS 7 & 8

- Trousers:** Plain, dark grey tailored trousers. Casual styles and cloths such as denim, cotton or cords are unsuitable as are extremes of fashion.
- Shirt:** Plain pale blue.
- Tie:** Ties are compulsory in Years 7 and 8.
- Jumper:** Dark grey V-neck jumper (optional). Sweatshirts or track-suit tops may not be worn.
- Socks:** Plain socks.

ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 & 8

- Shoes:** Navy, black or brown plain, **sensible, flat shoes** must be strong and suitable for school. **Boots are not suitable for school.**
- Blazers:** All students in years 7 and 8 must have a navy blazer with the school Badge.



GIRLS IN YEARS 9, 10 & 11

- Skirt:** Navy blue skirt, or pinafore dress, of a suitable style for school. Skirt length should be below the knee. If the skirt has a split; the split must be below the knee. Denim skirts are not appropriate.
- Trousers:** Navy blue school trousers in a traditional style.
- Ties:** Ties are compulsory if a blouse with a button collar is worn
- Blouse:** Plain, pale blue. If the shirt is a button up shirt, a tie must be worn.
- Jumper:** Navy blue, V-neck, jumper or cardigan (not with zips) (optional). Sweatshirts or tracksuit tops may not be worn.
- Socks:** Plain white or navy blue. Flesh-coloured, black or navy tights.

BOYS IN YEARS 9, 10 & 11

- Trousers:** Navy blue school trousers in a traditional style.
- Shirt:** Plain pale blue.
- Tie:** Ties are compulsory.
- Jumper:** Navy blue, V-neck, jumper (optional). Sweatshirts or tracksuit tops may not be worn.
- Socks:** Plain socks.

ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 9, 10 & 11

- Shoes:** Navy blue, black or brown **sensible, flat shoes**, and must be strong and suitable for school. **Boots are not suitable for school.**
- Blazers:** All students in years 9, 10 and 11 must have a navy blue blazer with the school Badge.



ALL STUDENTS IN SIXTH FORM

We expect all our students to have very high professional standards and uniform is no exception to this. Sixth Form is about preparing our students for the world of work and so it is important that all students have high standards of personal appearance. Our uniform policy has been put together with our Sixth Form Leadership team.

FEMALE DRESS CODE

- Tailored black skirt fitted to the waist, just above or below the knee.
- Black pinafore dress, just above or below the knee.
- Tailored black trousers fitted to the waist.
- Black jacket (blazer) - no colouring or non-textile materials.
- White blouse.
- Flat black/brown shoes.
- Black, dark navy or flesh coloured tights with skirts or black socks with trousers. Fashion patterned tights are not permitted.
- Outside coats/jackets/hoodies are not allowed to be worn inside school.
- Discreet jewellery, which may include a necklace, bracelet, watch, ring and one pair of stud earrings through the ear lobe.
- Discreet use of make-up.
- Hair should be tidy with appropriate styles and one natural colour.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

MALE DRESS CODE

- Full length black trousers fitted to the waist.
- White shirt tucked into trousers.
- Sixth Form tie navy blue or maroon with the school crest.
- Black jacket (blazer) – no colouring or non-textile materials.
- Flat black/brown shoes – no trainers, pumps or working boots.
- Outside coats/jackets/hoodies are not allowed to be worn inside school.
- Discreet jewellery, which may include a bracelet, ring and one pair of stud earrings through the earlobe.
- Appropriate hair style which includes natural hair colour and hair length no shorter than a number 2.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

All items of School Uniform can be purchased from:

Harvey & Tilly's Quality School Wear
Unit 11-13, Market Hall
Ellesmere Port
Tel: 0151 356 2945 (closed Wednesdays)

(Harvey & Tilly offer a payment scheme to spread the cost of purchases)

The Uniform Shop
33 Whitby Road
Ellesmere Port CH65 8AA
Tel: 0151 345 4656



PE KIT FOR ALL GIRLS

- Shirt:** White, collared, with name on.
- Fleece:** Plain navy blue, with school badge.
- Track suit pants:** Plain navy blue or plain black leggings — no stripes or big logos or (optional).
- Shorts:** Plain navy blue — no stripes or big logos.
- Socks:** Navy blue knee length.
- Footwear:** Trainers and football boots are required and should be brought to all lessons unless instructed otherwise (no pumps or converse pumps).

PE KIT FOR ALL BOYS

- Shirt:** White, round neck t-shirt.
Red with Black stripe, rugby shirt
- Shorts:** Plain black—no stripes or big logos.
- Socks:** Black football socks.
- Footwear:** Football boots and trainers are required and should be brought to all lessons unless instructed otherwise (no pumps or converse pumps).

ADDITIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS

- Mouthguard:** Rugby gum-shield.
- Shinpads:** Both required for hockey, football and rugby.

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ALL STUDENTS

TECHNOLOGY:

All students must have a cotton apron, NOT plastic or nylon, for safety reasons.

EQUIPMENT:

Students will need a pen, pencil, a ruler and coloured pencils in a pencil case.

Students should have a small pocket dictionary with them to help with their spellings every lesson.

All students need a calculator and they must have it with them at all times. An expensive calculator is NOT required.

OUTDOOR COATS:

The provision of a sensible outdoor coat is essential for the British weather. These should be large enough to be worn over a blazer, waterproof and warm. Any dark colour is suitable.

**Please buy as plain as possible without slogans or logos.
Such coats often prove attractive to thieves.**

Track-suit tops, hooded or light fashion jackets are not suitable for the purpose above. These are not allowed to be worn for school. Denim or leather coats are not allowed, and expensive coats are not advised.

Coats are not to be worn in the school buildings. They can be folded over your arm and carried or put in your bag or locker.

Scarves are not part of school uniform and if worn to and from school they must be in bags or lockers during the day.

SCHOOL BAGS:

School bags must be large enough to carry everything required for the school day. Students MUST have a BACK PACK e.g. it should be robust and large enough to hold an A4 folder and large textbooks without damage.



APPEARANCE

It is difficult to give a definitive list of what might be unacceptable in terms of appearance. Young people are influenced by fashion as we all are to a degree, and this changes regularly.

A clear uniform policy helps of course. In general we would make judgements about the acceptability of dress and appearance based largely upon what might be considered acceptable in a conservative workplace serving the public, a bank for example.

No extremes of appearance are acceptable. This includes hair-styles as well as dress and the school reserves the right to judge extremes of dress and appearance.

Make-up, including fake tan and fake nails - is not allowed.

Jewellery is not allowed, except for a watch and one pair of small studs, one per ear, for girls with pierced ears. Studs, worn at students own risk, may be worn only in the lobes of the ears and need to be removed for P.E. and Games. Boys are not allowed to wear ear rings.

Sixth-formers. In addition to a watch and one pair of small studs, sixth formers are allowed one ring, one bracelet and one necklace.

Hair. We insist on tidy hair without extremes of style throughout changing styles and fashions. No shorter than a grade 2. Long hair should be kept tidily in place, with all hair fully tied back.

Hair spray and hair gel are not allowed for reasons of safety. All such dressings render hair more flammable and represent an avoidable risk in the workshops, laboratories and Home Economics rooms.



Care of belongings. We have a good record as far as the security of valuables is concerned but these are never totally safe in a mixed community of over 1000 people. For that reason expensive or treasured items should not be brought to school.

All property should be insured against loss outside the home. No responsibility can be accepted by school.

We have a number of rules and guidelines to assist in securing property. These are made to help students avoid upset. Property may at times be confiscated. Sometimes we will insist that it is collected by parents by appointment.

If uniform standards are not adhered to the school reserves the right to provide suitable uniform until a replacement item can be sourced.

LOST PROPERTY IS KEPT IN THE PASTORAL OFFICE, OR IN STUDENT SERVICES





When I stand
before God at
the end of my life,
I would hope that
I would not have
a single bit
of talent left,
and could say,
'I used everything
you gave me'.

Erma Bombeck

