



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 PE 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 reason why they are not in the correct uniform, 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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ALL STUDENTS YEARS 7 & 8

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



ALL STUDENTS YEARS 9, 10 & 11

- Skirt:** Navy blue skirt, or pinafore dress, of a suitable style for school. Skirt length should be at the knee. If the skirt has a split; the split must be at the knee. Denim skirts are not appropriate.
- Trousers:** Navy school trousers in a traditional style.
- Blouse:** Plain, pale blue open neck blouse. If the shirt is a button up shirt, a tie must be worn.
- Shirt:** Plain pale blue with a tie.
- Jumper/Cardigan:** Navy blue, V-neck, (*not with zips*) (*optional*). Sweatshirts or tracksuit tops may not be worn.
- Socks:** Plain Navy or black if worn with trousers or navy if worn with a skirt.
- Tights:** Black or navy
- Jumper:** Navy blue, V-neck, (*not with zip*), (*optional*). Sweatshirts or tracksuit tops may not be worn.
- Shoes:** Navy or black **sensible, flat shoes**, 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.

If a child attends school in uniform which is inappropriate then school replacements will be provided, failure to comply will mean the child will be sent home to change.



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.

DRESS CODE

- Tailored black skirt fitted to the waist, just above or below the knee.
- Black pinafore dress, just above or below the knee.
- Full length tailored black trousers fitted to the waist.
- Black jacket (blazer) - no colouring or non-textile materials.
- White blouse or shirt.
- Sixth Form tie, navy blue with the school crest.
- Flat black/brown shoes, no trainers, pumps or working boots.
- 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.
- Appropriate tidy hair style which includes one natural hair colour and hair length no shorter than a number 2.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.



PE KIT

- White round neck t-shirt or white polo shirt (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Red with black stripe Rugby shirt (Compulsory – Boys).
- Black shorts (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Long black socks for outdoor sports (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Black or white sports socks for indoor sports (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Trainers (non-marking) (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Football boots (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Shin pads (Compulsory – Boys & Girls).
- Gum-shield (Compulsory – Boys).

Optional PE KIT

- Plain navy micro fleece with school badge.
- Plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings.
- During the winter months' students should layer up, e.g. thermals, skins or long sleeved t-shirts are ideal underneath their PE tops.
- Plain black or navy hats and gloves are also allowed – dependent on the activity.

Please note: Compulsory items can be purchased and worn by all students if they wish to do so.

All items of School Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from:

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

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

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



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:

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.

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.

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



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 students 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.

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 if the hair touches the collar.

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. 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.

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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

