



## P24: UNIFORM POLICY

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of The Commonweal School. It helps to support positive behaviour and discipline, and protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way. When this works, it instils a sense of pride and belonging, and sets an appropriate tone for a positive working environment. The support and co-operation of parents is essential.

In extreme weather conditions, the Head teacher will inform parents if the uniform needs to be adapted on a temporary basis.

### CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

#### Years 7, 8 & 9

Plain blue shirt

School tie

Plain black trousers/ skirt

Low heeled plain black shoes

Blue V-necked school jumper/cardigan

Summer Term only: a blue polo shirt may be worn instead of shirt and tie

#### Years 10 & 11

Plain white shirt

School tie

Plain black trousers/skirt

Low heeled, plain black shoes (no logos)

Black V-necked school jumper/cardigan

Summer Term only: a white polo shirt may be worn instead of shirt and tie.

*The jumpers/cardigans/polo shirts for all students must hold the school coat of arms*

## WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Uniform must be smart and appropriate for the school environment.
- No extreme of fashion is allowed.
- Offensive lettering or suggestive logos/comments on clothing, school bags and books is prohibited.
- All shirts to be buttoned to the top. Collars must be designed to take the school tie. Shirts must be tucked in fully. Shirts that do not tuck in are not deemed to be suitable for school.
- The tie must have a proper knot, which must be by the top button of the shirt. The tie must be waist length.
- Skirts are to be of sensible length and design with no tube skirts, splits or embroidery etc.
- Jeans, cropped trousers, leggings are not permitted.
- Coloured tops / sweatshirts / hooded tops / polo necked jumpers are not to be worn at school – **and are not school uniform.**
- All black footwear is to be worn at all times during the school day. Logos or marks on the footwear in a different colour from black are not permitted.

## ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED

## WEARING OF OTHER ACCESSORIES, AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

- **No headwear should be worn in school unless authorised**
- Jewellery is restricted to one watch, one pair of earrings (studs/sleepers), and one ring.
- Nose studs or other body piercings are not allowed. Outlandish hair styles, cuts or colour are also unacceptable.
- Coats are to be plain and sensible and not to be worn in class.
- Make-up is actively discouraged but if worn must be discrete.
- **Any excessive make-up must be removed.**

Any item not mentioned above is not considered to be school uniform and will not be worn to school.

Inappropriate uniform will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter and may include students being sent home to change at any time of the school day with parental knowledge – if parents cannot be contacted, students may be referred to Safety Net as a disciplinary matter.

Uniform will be checked by tutors and class teachers on a daily basis, students who are not dressed appropriately will be spoken to about their dress and how it can be rectified as quickly as possible. Parents will be informed as and when necessary.

## PURCHASING SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be bought in the following ways:

1. In the Famous School Branches store on Sanford Street, Swindon, SN1 1HE
2. Online through the Famous School Branches website: <http://store.famousbranches.com/>

3. Online through the My Clothing website: <http://schooladmin.myclothing.com> (school ties and PE kit are **not** available through My Clothing)

## KIT FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

<b>Outside:</b>	Royal blue rugby top with black panels and school badge
	Royal blue hooded top with black panels and school badge – optional for Year 9-11 girls
	Black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms
	Royal blue knee length socks
	Boots and Trainers
	Shin-pads
	Towel (optional)
<b>Indoor:</b>	Royal blue t-shirt with black panels and white trim (fitted, optional)
	Black shorts
	Royal blue knee length socks
	Trainers (appropriate for physical activity, e.g. no daps, skateboard shoes etc.)

### A SUITABLE BAG TO CARRY THE EQUIPMENT

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the owner's initials when purchased.

### No jewellery of ANY type is to be worn during PE/Games lessons

PE uniform items can be purchased at **Famous School Branches (Swindon), Unit 1B, Plaza 21, Sanford Street, Swindon, SN1 1HE /Tel: 01793 520843 Email: [swindon@famousbranches.com](mailto:swindon@famousbranches.com)** and can be initialled free of charge.

### Monitoring and Review

The Personnel and Welfare of Students Committee will review this policy on a yearly basis, or more often if appropriate and will review in March 2020.