

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE  
'Men and women for others'



# Uniform and Appearance Policy

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This policy outlines the College's expectations for uniform and appearance.

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## 1. Aims

The Governing Body of St Ignatius College consider appearance as an important part of the College's ethos and culture and believe that having a uniform and neat appearance promotes a sense of identity and establishes good working habits. This is why it is important to maintain this aspect of College life.

It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child adheres to the Uniform and Appearance policy by wearing full school uniform at all times. This includes on the journey to and from school. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with the student's name and class.

In exceptionally hot weather, the Headteacher will decide if the temperature constitutes 'Summer Order' and will give instructions that blazers and ties may be removed.

## 2. College Dress Code

- Black blazer with College badge and tie.
- Plain, soberly tailored dark grey or black trousers.
- Black leather belt if required.
- Plain white shirt.
- Pullovers, if worn, must be plain light grey and v-neck.
- Outdoor coats must be plain, navy or black, and compatible with the school uniform. They must be long enough to cover blazers.
- Hooded sports tops, body warmers, coats with elasticated waistbands (ski-type or 'bomber' jackets etc.) and fleeces are not acceptable and must not be worn in school
- Plain black or navy hats are permitted during extreme weather.

## 3. Hairstyles

- Hairstyles should be short, smart and conventional and be uniformly cut all over without creating a cropped or layered effect.
- Hair should be no shorter than a 'number 2' barber clipper length and should not touch the shirt collar.
- Neat braiding close to the head is permitted for afro hair eg canerows/cornrows and the braids should not be loose.
- Hair dye, shavings, tracks, patterns or lines are not permitted on hair or eyebrows.
- Pupils must be clean-shaven.
- Piercings (or plasters covering them) and jewellery are not permitted.

## 4. School Bags

- School bags must be appropriate to facilitate the carrying of equipment for school. Small bags that do not fit this purpose are not permitted.

## 5. Footwear

- Plain black polished leather shoes

## **6. P.E. Kit**

Regulation white polo shirt  
Regulation navy shorts  
White sports / ankle socks  
Plain white trainers or plimsoles  
Swimming trunks (navy)  
Towel

## **7. Games Kit**

College blue and gold reversible rugby shirt  
Regulation navy shorts  
Regulation red or blue and gold football socks  
soccer or rugby boots  
mouth guard  
shin pads  
Regulation College Tracksuit top (optional)  
Regulation College Tracksuit bottoms (optional)  
Towel

**The College PE and Games Kit is only available from JUST TEAM SPORTS**

<http://www.justteamsports.co.uk/>

Samples sizes are available in student services for pupils to try on.

## **8. Sixth Form Students**

All Sixth Form students are expected to dress smartly.

### **All must wear:**

Blazer with sixth form badge  
Tailored Trousers  
White shirt  
Sixth Form tie  
Business like black shoes

### **Female students are permitted to wear:**

Knee length black skirt instead of tailored trousers.  
Black or flesh coloured tights.  
White or black socks.

## **9. Temporary exemptions to the Uniform Code**

Any temporary exemptions to the uniform policy must be requested in writing by a parent and authorised by Student Services. Pupils who fail to do this will be given a detention.

## **10. Exemptions to the Uniform Code**

Any hairstyle which does not conform to the policy will only be permitted if the student and his or her family, persuade the school that there is a genuine particular requirement based on ethnicity, religion, medical grounds or SEND need for it.

The grounds for such an exception would have to establish (in discussion with the Headteacher) that the ability to conform to the policy would be regarded as impossible or in the case of SEND learners, needed as a reasonable adjustment.

## **11. Financial Hardship**

Families experiencing financial hardship who require support with the financing of school uniform should put their requests for assistance in writing to the Headteacher.

## **12. References**

School uniform Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities September 2013 DFE

## **13. Policy Review**

The policy statement will be reviewed bi-annually.

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