

Skipton Girls' High School

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Skipton Girls' High School community take pride in their appearance and key to this is the wearing of the school uniform and the Sixth Form dress code. There is a strong ethos behind wearing a uniform; it reduces difference of appearance resulting from social class or income, ensures that students come to school looking neat and tidy, and enhances the school's image in the community.

We hold high standards for how the uniform should be worn by students in Years 7-11 and expect students in Years 12-13 to adhere to a clear dress code of professionalism and appropriateness for learning.

Uniform Non-negotiables:

- Years 7-11 tattoos are not permitted. At Post 16 tattoos must not be visible.
- No tongue, nose or other facial piercings are permitted on health and safety grounds.
- Skirts must be of a suitable length – as students vary in height and length of leg and body it is agreed that skirts are a respectable length for a school environment. School skirts should be no shorter than mid-way between knee and hip.

Expectations for School Uniform and Personal Appearance Years 7-11

- Students are required to wear the school uniform correctly both in and outside of school.
- A student who is unable to wear the correct uniform must bring a letter from parents explaining the circumstances and show this to their tutor who will authorise this occurrence. This letter will need to be kept on them to show to other staff who may query incorrect uniform.
- The uniform consists of skirt/trousers, blouse /shirt and sweatshirt.
- All skirts must be a respectable length and should be no shorter than mid-way between knee and hip. Skirts must not be rolled up.
- Blouses should be tucked in and collars out.
- Sweatshirts should be in good condition; any holes or stains are to be repaired and removed as soon as they appear.
- Key stage 3 are not allowed to wear make-up, students will be asked to remove make up using hypo-allergenic make up removal wipes. Key stage 4 onwards are allowed discrete makeup.
- In addition every student must have a fastenable school bag for books, a laptop case and a sports bag. Open bags or carrier bags are not acceptable.
- Hair accessories (clips, grips or hair bands with the purpose of tying back long hair) may be any colour provided they are of a plain style.

- Hair should be kept in a neat style (whether loose or tied back). Extremes of hairstyle and unnatural bleaching or dyeing are not permitted.
- Head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted provided they are tied back for health and safety reasons. In Y7-11 head coverings should be in school uniform colours (darkblue, or black). No other items of religious dress including face coverings are permitted. The policy on religious dress is available from school.
- Jewellery worn should be discreet – a pair of small stud earrings. The earrings should be a matching pair and only one earring may be worn in each ear. These must be removed for PE. No other piercings are allowed. A cross or other religious symbol may be worn as long as it is not visible.
- Jewellery that does not fulfil the schools uniform code will be confiscated and kept securely in Student Services and returned a week later.
- We recognise the diversity of our community; discrete, visible religious or cultural symbols will be individually considered on request of the parent / carer to the Deputy Head teacher.
- Shoes should be black and provide support and protection for the feet. These should be in a serviceable sensible style without coloured decorations. Canvas material is not appropriate.
- Opaque black or navy tights nylon tights must be worn. Tights must be in good condition.
- Gel or acrylic nails/ nail varnish is classed as make-up. We cannot accept gel or acrylic nails on the grounds of Health & Safety. Key Stage 3 students will be asked to remove nail varnish using removal wipes. At Key Stage 4 nail varnish must be discreet.
- Students are not permitted to wear any aspect of their PE kit instead of their school uniform to normal lessons. The only instance that this might be allowed is if a student has to attend a fixture that begins midway through a lesson – on these occasions PE staff will inform students that this is allowed as an exception.
- Students who have participated in PE at the end of the day should change into their full school uniform to travel home.
- Please note that no extremes of appearance will be accepted.
- Outdoor coats should not be worn around the school. They should be stored in lockers until the end of the school day. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not be worn in place of a coat.
- In extreme circumstances parents will be contacted immediately and students may be asked to go home and return to school more appropriately dressed.

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

It is a Sixth Form privilege not to wear Key Stage 3 or 4 school uniform. However, the school expects that students will comply with the Sixth Form Dress Code (Business dress) and dress suitably. Extremes of fashion are to be avoided – many outsiders judge the school by the appearance of its Sixth Formers.

For formal occasions where Post 16 students are representing the school, they will be required to wear a business dress or similar formal attire.

Please also refer to the school's Post 16 Code of Conduct and Dress Code and Religious Dress Code Policy.

APPENDICES

School Uniform

We hold high standards for how uniform should be worn by all students in Year 7—11.

KS3 & KS4

- Dark navy sweatshirt, round neck, with school logo.
- Navy and white cotton striped shirt.
- Dark navy regulation skirt, with school logo or dark navy trousers, straight-leg.
- Outdoor coat – plain navy or plain black, (Hoodies and non-school sweatshirts should not be worn in place of a coat)
- If you cover your head a plain dark navy or black scarf may be worn.
- Footwear – plain black, flat or low heels.
- Tights must be plain opaque black or navy. Backless, toeless shoes, canvas pumps and trainers are not appropriate footwear.
- Students with pierced ears may wear one pair of small studs in each ear; other than this no other body piercings eg. tongue or nose, are allowed.
- A cross or other religious symbol may be worn as long as it is not visible.
- At Key Stage 3 make up is not allowed. This includes gel/acrylic nails and nail varnish. Hair should be kept in a neat style.
- Extremes of hairstyle and unnatural bleaching or dyeing are not permitted.
- Students and parents should assume that any specific items of clothing or jewellery not mentioned above are not allowed.
- If there are any other issues concerning uniform, these need to be discussed with their Personal Tutor. Staff and governors will insist that all students adhere to our uniform policy.

We believe that high standards of personal appearance equate to high standards in all other matters.

Appropriate action will be taken to ensure that, in the interests of all students, these standards are maintained.

Regulation shirts, skirts, and trousers are produced by well-established manufacturers, and can be purchased through Skip to School, Water Street, Skipton and MC Sports, 14 Sackville Street, Skipton.

All items of clothing must be marked with the student's name.

Any special difficulties with regard to uniform should be discussed with the school.

Physical Education Kit - All Students*

Games Kit (indoor & outdoor)

- Navy Blue Polo Shirt with logo*
- Navy Blue Tracksuit Top with logo*
- Navy Blue Tracksuit Bottoms*
- Navy Blue Dance Pants/ leggings*
- Navy Blue Games Skort*

Navy Blue Football Socks*

- Shin Pads* • A pair of non-marking trainers*
 - Gum shield
 - PE kit can only be sourced from MC Sports, Skipton or Skip to School, Skipton.
- *Please ensure that each item of PE kit is marked with your child's name* If for any reason a student is unable to adhere to this dress code temporarily, the parent/carer will be expected to provide a written note explaining the temporary situation.

Year 12 and 13

Sixth form are required to wear smart business dress.

We actively encourage sixth form students to develop their own vision of what it means to be a confident woman in the workplace and we trust students to choose outfits which are formal and appropriate.

The Code expects everyone to avoid extremes of fashion and common sense dictates that students should not wear items of clothing - for example something very short/revealing/tight.

Compulsory

- Black jacket
- Identification lanyard – this will be allocated at the beginning of term

Acceptable

- Smart tailored skirt, trousers or dress.
- A conventionally-tailored business suit. This can be a trouser-suit or skirt-suit (**not Bodycon**)
- Blouse or smart top of any colour, but must be of a business, not leisure, style.
- A smart cardigan, jumper or waistcoat is optional.
- Formal shoes/boots compatible with a business suit; heels should not be of unreasonable height.

Not acceptable

- T-shirts, e.g. with slogans on
- Strappy tops
- Leggings
- Jeans
- Very short skirts (shorter than mid-way between knee and hip)
- 'Body-con' dresses or skirts
- Trainers
- Flip-flops
- Dr Marten boots or equivalent
- Backless and off the shoulder tops

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