

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 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:

1. Yrs. 7-11 tattoos are not permitted. At Post 16 tattoos must not be visible.
2. No tongue, nose or other facial piercings are permitted on health and safety grounds.
3. Skirts must be of a suitable length – as girls vary in height and length of leg and body it is agreed that skirts are a respectable length for a school environment.

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 must be a respectable length.
- Blouses should be tucked in, collars out and skirts should not be rolled up
- Sweatshirts should be in good condition; any holes or stains are to be repaired and removed as soon as they appear.

- Key stage 3 is 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 is allowed discrete makeup.
- In addition every girl must have a fastenable 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 and colour.
- 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 (dark blue, or black). No other items of religious dress including face coverings are permitted. The policy on religious dress is available from the school.
- Hair should be kept in a neat style (whether loose or tied back). Extremes of hairstyle and unnatural bleaching or dyeing are not permitted.
- 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 AHT: Student Progress
- 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 or neutral-coloured 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 girls are representing the school, they will be required to wear 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**.

This policy will be reviewed annually in line with DfE guidance.

The governors will ensure that there is a **Behaviour for Learning Policy** published annually on the school's website.

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