

Uniform Policy 2023-2024

Hartford Church of England High School

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
(Colossians 3:13)

At Hartford Church of England High School, we believe that a school uniform encourages a sense of community, helps develop a sense of pride and supports equal opportunities. All students are required to wear our school uniform, which has been designed with smartness, safety, professionalism and practicality in mind.

Since each young person coming to and from school is an ambassador for the school, we expect them to represent us by dressing correctly at all times, taking pride in their uniform. High standards can only be achieved with the support of parents. We welcome and expect parental cooperation in ensuring that students arrive at school in full uniform.

Uniform

All students must wear:

- A school blazer with school badge with sleeves of full length (not rolled)
 - A school tie (House colours: red, green, yellow or blue)
 - A plain, pale blue shirt, tucked in to trousers or skirt
 - Plain, black, full school shoes (without logos).
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- Trousers - straight cut, wool mix or polyester, black in colour to be worn with black ankle socks

OR

- A plain black pleated school skirt of appropriate length (with or without the school logo) to be worn with black tights (minimum 40 denier).

If they wish, students may also wear:

- A plain navy-blue, V-necked, long-sleeved pullover (clearly a jumper not a sweatshirt) with or without the school badge.

When the weather requires it, students should have a waterproof jacket to wear over their blazer outside. All outdoor clothing must be removed inside the school buildings.

Please note: Trainers are not permitted to be worn in school except where students are participating in PE lessons, sports activities or extra-curricular activities that require them, for example when playing football on the 3G pitch at lunchtime.

Hoodies are not allowed to be worn on the school site at any time.

Sportswear

For PE lessons and where representing the school in sports activities, all students must wear:

- White polo-shirt
- Navy blue skort OR navy/royal blue shorts
- Navy blue or white sports socks
- Trainers with non-marking soles

The following items of sportswear are optional:

- Football/rugby boots
- Navy blue plain tracksuit bottoms (with or without a school logo)
- Reversible blue and gold rugby shirt
- Quarter-zip outerwear top (for inclement weather)

Other Compulsory Uniform Items

- DT apron for DT lessons
- Sturdy school bag including a pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler and calculator (calculators can be purchased from school via Scopay). A water bottle is advisable too as there are water dispensing machines around school for students to use.

Summer Uniform

When the weather is very warm, we will always give students the option to remove their blazer in lessons and when walking around the school site.

In extreme heat, we will allow students to wear their PE kit to school. We will inform parents the night before through our regular communication channels.

Other Information

- No jewellery is allowed in school from September 2023.

- Students may wear a watch, but not a smart watch such as an Apple Watch.
- Hair must be appropriate for school; this includes natural colours and not extreme styles.
- Subtle foundation make-up may be worn.
- Nails must be natural, unvarnished and of an appropriate length.
- False eyelashes/eyelash extensions must not be worn for school.

Uniform Ordering: New items of uniform can be ordered through the school website (blazer, tie, school jumper, all items of PE kit, DT apron).

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the compulsory items of uniform are affordable, Hartford Church of England High School recognises that for some families this may not be the case. Hartford Church of England High School operates a uniform swap-shop. We stock all types of pre-worn uniform and footwear that are in good condition. Families kindly donate items for the shop throughout the year and they are always available to students who need them.

Where any parent has concerns about the ability of their child to meet the requirements outlined in this policy, they should contact the school via the general email address mail@hartfordhigh.co.uk