

Uniform Policy



Annotation Key for this Document

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Uniform and Appearance

School uniform is compulsory, and Caerleon Comprehensive School expects all students to attend school always dressed smartly in the correct uniform. By continually reinforcing our standards of uniform and appearance, we aim to prepare our students for the world of work. The way we look very much reflects the ethos and culture of the school; wearing uniform correctly, smartly and with pride reinforces the culture of high expectations in every aspect of school life. Our intention is to ensure that students look smart but not at the undue expense of families; to this end we have ensured that the cost of our uniform is affordable yet of the highest quality. We encourage students and parents/carers to let us know if there is a problem purchasing or finding uniform, as our swap shop is there to help on these occasions.

The school policy reflects the Welsh Government's view that when properly developed and appropriately implemented, a school uniform can:

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activities
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school

School Uniform

Years 7 – 11

- Pale blue shirt (Autumn and Spring term)
- Pale blue polo shirt (to be worn in the summer term only) - no logo required
- A navy cardigan can be worn in the summer term only – logo preferred but not required
- Navy V-neck sweater (logo preferred) (Autumn and Spring term and can also be worn in the summer if needed)
- Navy-blue blazer with the **school logo** (optional)
- School tie (Autumn and Spring term)
- Grey skirt - skirts with logos can be purchased from our suppliers and any style provided by our supplier with the logo is acceptable. If a skirt is purchased without the logo, it must be a grey pleated skirt only. No other style of non-logoed skirt is permitted. All skirts should be long enough that no underclothes can be seen

underneath when the students are walking around site/accessing stairs etc.

- Grey tailored trousers (no logo required)
- Grey tailored shorts (knee length - no logo required)
- Grey/black/navy socks or grey/black tights
- All black footwear
- Any colour coat - hoodies and denim/leather jackets are not acceptable as coats, and students will be asked to remove them if worn.

Students are expected to wear their school jumper or blazer for school assemblies (or a cardigan in the summer term).

During periods of hot weather the headteacher will notify families that sweaters/blazers/cardigans do not need to be brought to school.

Sixth Form

- White shirt
- Black V neck sweater or black cardigan (no logo required)
- School sixth form tie
- Black blazer (optional - no logo required)
- A black skirt (tailored fit - tight, stretchy skirts are not permitted- no logo required). Please note the skirt should be long enough to ensure no underclothes can be seen underneath when the student is walking around/accessing stairs etc.
- Black tailored trousers (no logo required)
- Black socks/Black opaque tights
- All black footwear
- Any colour coat

Please note that any bespoke requests in relation to uniform are at the discretion of the headteacher.

PE Kit

During the academic year 2026/27, students will be wearing PE kit to school on the days they have PE. On these days only students may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms. GCSE PE candidates may wear their PE uniform.

Years 7-9

- Logoed white or black t-shirt or a plain white or plain black t-shirt (please note that the black t-shirt may be preferred by those who wear undergarments)
- Black shorts, either running or cycling style (optional to purchase with or without logo) or black leggings (optional to purchase with or without logo)
- Plain black quarter zip long sleeve top or a logoed quarter zip long sleeve top (logo preferred)
- White sport socks (for inside)
- Trainers (for inside)
- Maroon rugby shirt (boys only)
- Hockey/rugby/football socks
- Firm ground boots are required to use the 3G surface for health and safety reasons. Metal studs, astros and trainers are not suitable footwear for the 3G surface.
- Students can wear black skins under clothes in cold weather

Years 10-11

- A logoed black t-shirt or plain black t-shirt
- A plain black quarter zip long sleeve top or a logoed quarter zip sleeve top (logo preferred)
- Black shorts, running or cycling style (optional to purchase with or without logo) or black leggings (optional to purchase with or without logo) or plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Firm ground boots are required to use the 3G surface for health and safety reasons. Metal studs, astros and trainers are not suitable footwear for the 3G surface.

PE examination candidates (those who opt for GCSE PE in Y10/Y11) will purchase their exam practical kit from our client shop at Vx3. You will receive a separate communication from the PE department about kit if your child opts for GCSE PE in Year 10. Please note that we can support parents/carers with obtaining this kit if necessary. Team players can purchase their playing top with preferred name and number from Vx3 also. The team top can be worn during school PE and games lessons also instead of the usual PE kit above. You will receive separate communication from the PE department if your child is selected to play for a school team regarding the kit required. Please note we can support parents/carers with obtaining this kit if necessary.

Swap Shop

We have our own uniform swap shop with pre-loved items that can be borrowed or, if needed, kept. Please contact ccs.swapshop@newportschools.wales to book an appointment to see what we have available. If any families are able to donate washed pre-loved uniform to our swap shop we would be very grateful. Donations can be dropped off at main reception at any time. We also use this pre-loved uniform to support students who arrive to school in the incorrect uniform.

Incorrect Uniform

If there is an issue with uniform, please email ccs.swapshop@newportschools.wales by 8:30am and copy in your child's Head of Year. We will provide uniform to the student wherever possible when a parent/carer informs us there is an issue, including PE kit.

Should a student go to their form period inappropriately dressed in the morning, their form tutor will send them to the uniform swap shop, who will either provide fall back uniform if we have some available; or, contact a parent/carer to bring the correct uniform to the school.

Students will be allocated behaviour points for arriving to school without the correct uniform unless an acceptable reason is provided. If problems occur repeatedly, a meeting to discuss this will be arranged with the parent/carer and the Head of Year.

Additional Guidance

All items are available at:

Macey Sport - <https://www.maceysports.co.uk/>

Pretty Miss - <https://www.kidsschoolkits.co.uk/>

Beam Sports and School Wear - <https://www.beamnewport.co.uk/>

The school policy follows the Statutory Guidance on School Uniform and Appearance -

<https://www.gov.wales/school-uniform-and-appearance-policy-guidance-governing-bodies-wg23-17-html>

- Jewellery is allowed but must be worn discreetly to ensure that pupils are adhering to health and safety guidelines. No hoops or bars are permitted; studs are acceptable but only in the ear/nose and should be discreet. Please note that all jewellery worn to school is at the pupils' own risk and should be removed for activities such as PE or wherever there is a health and safety risk.
- Labelling Clothing - With 1,500 students at the school, it is important that families label the uniform of children. Through human error, things will occasionally be misplaced, so having a label clearly identifying the name of the student will help minimise the risk of loss.
- Trousers – The only trousers which are acceptable are tailored; our school supplier has a range of acceptable sizes and shapes available for all pupils. Therefore, denim, corduroy, chino, linen, tapered, skinny jean style, jeggings, leggings or skin-tight trousers are not permitted. Only grey trousers are permitted, not black.
- Skirts - If a student opts to wear a skirt as part of their uniform, it must be grey and be of a tailored fit and an appropriate length. Only skirts with the school logo or pleated skirts (with or without logo) are acceptable. Should your child arrive at school in a non-regulation school skirt, they will be asked to

borrow a skirt from the swapshop or parents/carers will be contacted to bring to school the appropriate skirt. Sixth formers can choose the type of black skirt, but it must be tailored and of an appropriate length.

- Footwear - We expect our students to wear all black sensible footwear.
- Make-up – We do not encourage students to wear make-up to school. However, if make-up is worn, it must be subtle and discrete. Excessive, brightly-coloured or gaudy make-up is not acceptable. Students are able to wear nail polish to school, but excessively long nails are not permitted due to the health and safety risks associated with them.
- Headgear – Hats and other headgear should not be worn indoors. They should only be worn outside to keep the head warm during the winter or to protect from the sun in the summer.
- Cultural headscarves should be dark in colour.
- Hairstyles – students can choose their hairstyle or colour.

The Halo Code

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

Non-Appropriate Uniform

Skirts should be bought from our suppliers and contain the logo OR should be of a pleated style (with or without logo).

Other types of skirt are not permitted, such as these:



Skinny trousers (trousers should be grey tailored trousers only). Black trousers are not allowed.



Leggings (no leggings are permitted; trousers should be grey and a tailored fit only)



Hoodies (these are not permitted to be worn as a jumper or as a coat)



Denim Jackets (these are not permitted to be worn as a coat)



Leather jackets (these are not permitted to be worn as a coat)



Trainers - which are not all black (all footwear should be entirely black)



Non stud jewellery (only stud jewellery is permitted)



Policies Equality Statement

At Caerleon Comprehensive School, we serve a diverse community and take account of a wide range of needs. In accordance with the Equality Act (2010), our policies and learning and teaching strategies fulfill our duty to serve people according to their needs and promote equality. In order to embed fairness in all aspects of school life, we take account of equality as we formulate, develop and update school policies and plans.

Our vision and values promote inclusivity and equality and tackle discrimination. We have high expectations for all our pupils and staff. Our equality statement is guided by core principles:

- All learners are of equal value;
- We recognise and respect difference;
- We foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of community and belonging;
- We observe good practice in recruitment, retention and staff development;
- We aim to reduce and challenge barriers to equality at every opportunity