

CHEPSTOW SCHOOL

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 UNIFORM EXPECTATION GUIDE 2023-24
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## Uniform and Appearance

Ensuring pupils attend school dressed smartly in school uniform is the foundation for high standards in other aspects of school life, including a positive work ethic and conduct in and around school. First impressions count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance, we aim to prepare our pupils for the world of work.

Our uniform guide is designed to support with this process by outlining our expectations which, in turn, will help parents/carers to understand what is expected of their child when the academic year begins in September.

Our intention is to ensure that pupils look smart, but not at the undue expense to families. It is important to know that only official school uniform needs to be purchased from our suppliers. We have ensured as a school that the cost of our uniform is affordable, yet of the highest quality. All official items (blazer, tie and PE kit) are only available to purchase via our official uniform suppliers. However, all other items can either be purchased from our suppliers, other clothing stores or supermarkets.

We hope this uniform guide provides both pupils and families with clarity around our uniform expectations. We have the highest expectations of our pupils and throughout the academic year, pupils should expect to be challenged by staff where they fail to meet our expectations with regard to school uniform. This applies particularly to footwear, where pupils can expect to be asked to wear 'shoes' provided by school in the event of arriving in unacceptable footwear. Also, the school reserves the right to confiscate items that do not conform to the school's expectations with regard to uniform. These items will be stored safely and returned to the individual at an appropriate time by a designated member of staff.

The school retains a selection of ties, blazers, trousers and skirts; as well as shoes of all sizes. Where a pupil fails to attend school in the correct uniform, they will be expected to exchange the item and borrow our uniform. Therefore, we really appreciate your support in advance by checking your child is dressed appropriately for school.

Thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions regarding our uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of our wellbeing team, who will be more than happy to help.

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Main School Uniform - Expectations


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All pupils in KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 - 11) are expected to wear school uniform as outlined below:

- School Blazer - black, embroidered with school logo on the breast pocket - compulsory*
- Plain black formal, tailored, full length trousers, worn to the waist**
- Plain black skirt, box/knife pleated, not shorter than 8 cms above knee**
- Chepstow School Tie - compulsory*
- White shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved), which should be tucked into trousers/skirt, with the top button fastened
- Plain formal black shoes, leather or leather look, hard sole, no heels**
- Plain black ankle socks
- Plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumper - optional, may be worn under the blazer, but not as an alternative
* These items are only available to purchase through our official uniform suppliers
** Please refer to page 6 and 7 of this guide, for amplification on acceptable styles


## Jewellery

- A single stud in each ear is allowed for boys and girls
- All other visible jewellery is not allowed, which includes but is not limited to nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow piercings


## Make up

- Appropriate make up may be worn; this should be suitable for a work environment
- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Excessive make up will be removed at the request of staff
- False nails or brightly painted nails are not permitted


## Hair

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not be of an extreme style that brings attention to oneself. This includes but is not limited to shaved heads and "tramlines"
- Neutral hair colours only, brightly coloured hair is not permitted
- Long hair should be tied back for safety and hygiene purposes


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## Acceptable and Unacceptable Clothing

Where certain items can be purchased from alternative sources to our Official Uniform Suppliers, confusion can arise regarding the suitability of certain styles. To avoid any confusion, you will find additional information regarding what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in the following pages. We provide this information with the sole purpose of allowing parents/carers to make informed choices when purchasing school uniform for their child.

SCHOOL SKIRTS - Plain black skirt, box/knife pleated, not shorter than 8 cms above knee


SCHOOL TROUSERS - Plain black formal, tailored, full length trousers, worn to the waist


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## Acceptable and Unacceptable Footwear

The school expects pupils to wear 'formal', hard sole leather shoes as part of the uniform. This can cause some confusion since the term can be subjective. However, to avoid any confusion or embarrassment we have included a number of examples which are not appropriate for school. There will be sanctions in place for pupils who wear unacceptable footwear. This could include being asked to wear a pair of shoes provided by the school until the matter is resolved. Therefore, please help support us by ensuring your child attends school wearing acceptable shoes. Shoes should be worn with plain black socks or plain black tights. Trainer socks or over the knee socks are not permitted.


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PE KIT - EXPECTATIONS


Chepstow School Swacket (optional)

(optional)

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## PE Kit - Expectations

All pupils in KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 - 11) are expected to wear PE Kit for Physical Education as outlined below:

- Unisex PE Polo Shirt*
- Plain Black Shorts
- Plain Black Sports Leggings
- Optional Unisex PE Quatro Fleece, for cold weather and sporting events only*
- Optional Unisex PE Showerproof Jacket (Swacket), for wet weather and sporting events only*
- Black sports socks
- Training, shoes, only to be worn for sporting activities
- Appropriate swimwear, for example a 1-piece swimsuit for girls
* These items are only available to purchase through our uniform suppliers


## Jewellery

- Stud earrings are not permitted to be worn during Physical Education lessons for Health and Safety Reasons


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## Pupil Development Grant - School Clothing Grant

Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals may also be entitled to a clothing grant.
The Welsh Government has introduced this grant to assist families on low incomes for the purchase of:

- School uniform including coats and shoes;
- School sports kit including footwear;
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to, scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts or dance;
- Equipment e.g. school bags and stationery;
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology; and
- Equipment for out of school hour trips such as outdoor learning e.g. waterproofs.

Funding of up to $£ 125$ is available for each eligible learner with the exception of those in Year 7. Eligible learners in Year 7 will be entitled to a maximum of $£ 200$.

Pupils who receive Free School Meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify for this funding.
You can apply from 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024 using the following link Monmouthshire County Council (itouchvision.com)
Payments will be issued based on automated eligibility checks and these checks will be carried out on a regular basis. The payment will normally be made in to your bank account, they may need to contact you to obtain this information.

If you become eligible during the financial year or have any further queries, please contact the Benefits Team on 01495742291 or 742377.
How do I apply for free school meals?
Complete the online uniform grant application form here: https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/counciltaxandbenefits/fsm/

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## Uniform Legacy School Saver Club

Our uniform supplier Uniform Legacy, have recently launched a School Saver Club enabling families to put money away weekly or monthly that offers $10 \%$ instant interest towards your savings; allowing you to spread the costs of school wear throughout the year. As well as this, they facilitate a lay-by scheme where you can reserve uniform from $1^{\text {st }}$ June and then spread the payments. Within their shop, they have a preloved section of school items which are available to purchase at a reduced cost; all donations received support building schools abroad. They have also kindly offered to deliver purchases to the school every other Wednesday, to support parents with delivery costs and time.

For more information please visit: Uniform Legacy Schoolsaver Club



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## Sixth Form Dress Code - Expectations

All Senior students play a valuable role as role models, and an appropriate dress code encourages younger pupils to assume high standards. Senior staff are the arbiters of what is acceptable. Students may be asked to leave site if they do not adhere to the dress code. Sixth Form students should be smartly dressed at all times, as they would if working in a business environment. The Sixth Form Dress Code sends a strong message to the rest of the school and the community about pride in appearance and attitude towards study. The impression it creates sets an example to younger pupils and is a strong influencing factor.

In close consultation with Sixth Form representatives, we have decided on a style of dress which is different both from uniform in Years 7-11 and from leisure wear. It should be smart and show that Sixth Form students are concerned about their appearance, the impression it creates and the example it gives to younger pupils.

This document is made to allow students to check they are dressed appropriately. If you are unsure about anything or have any questions, please speak to the Head of Sixth Form. In the case of any disputes, the Head of Sixth Form has the final say.

The dress code for all Sixth Form students will be as follows:

- Lanyards and identification cards to be worn at all times
- Black or white polo shirts OR a black or white collared shirt/blouse
- Black/navy/grey tailored trousers/skirts - NO JEANS
- Plain jumper in black/navy/grey in colder weather
- A business jacket (optional)
- Black/brown flat shoes with black socks

Please do not wear:

- Jeans, leggings, jeggings, joggers
- Cropped/strappy tops
- Overly tight and short skirts
- Trainers/Uggs/Flip flops/High heeled footwear
- Facial piercings or brightly coloured hair dye


## Detailed guidelines

- Clothes should be worn in line with the sixth form dress code.
- No shoulder-less tops, immodest necklines, low slung trousers or vest-type attire.
- Midriffs should be covered.
- Hats/caps/sunglasses should not be worn inside school buildings.
- Earrings must be of a discreet stud type. No other facial jewellery is permitted.


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## Shoes

- Black, brown, navy or grey shoes, no high heels, closed toes. Doc Martins style boots are not acceptable.
- Boots cannot be heeled, and must be smart and business appropriate.
- Sport style shoes are not allowed e.g. astros, trainers and plimsolls.


## Trousers

- Any style of tailored trousers in a dark neutral ${ }_{1}$ colour can be worn (short, regular, slim-fit, skinny-fit).
- Shorts are not permitted.


## Socks

- Socks should be dark neutral ${ }_{1}$ colours; white socks are not permitted.


## Makeup, Hair and Jewellery

- Nails should be professional (i.e. short, no bright nail polish).
- Nails must be natural and suitable for practical sessions.
- Makeup and 'self-tan' should be discrete and natural.
- All hair colours and styles must be professional and natural looking (this excludes bright/extreme colours and cuts).
- Ear piercings should be stud type; no facial piercings are acceptable.

1 Neutral ${ }_{1}$ colours are black, white, grey, blue and brown

## Shirts

- Smart shirts in neutral ${ }_{1}$ colours.
- The shirt styles are; buttoned collared shirt, collared polo shirt or collared/non-collared blouse.
- Cropped or strappy tops should not be worn (including overlayer of another shirt).


## Jumpers

- Hoodies or sweatshirts of any kind are not acceptable.
- Cardigans, V-neck and round-neck jumpers are permitted in neutral ${ }_{1}$ colours.
- Smart three-quarter zip jumpers are permissible.


## Coats

- Coats can be worn into and around the school grounds but must be removed when entering the classroom and moving around the school building. If there are extenuating circumstances the teacher will make the final judgement. Optionally, a business jacket or blazer may be worn.


## Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts should be no more than 10 cm above the top of the knee cap. No tight skirts that cling to the body.
- Any dresses worn should adhere to the same rules as skirts and should have a modest neckline.
- Dresses and skirts must be a neutral ${ }_{1}$ colour. Floral/patterned dresses are allowed, in a neutral ${ }_{1}$ colour.

