The following **Code** has been drawn up to help parents and pupils to understand the School’s expectations regarding dress generally. It is not a clothes list, but a set of guidelines as to what is and what is not acceptable in certain areas of doubt.

Uniform that must be purchased through Schoolblazer, or the school shop include the blazer, shirts, ties and skirt (years 7-11), sports kit (years 7-13). The dress code must be adhered to but items like socks and trousers can be purchased independently. There is a basic sports kit that all pupils must have for their games and PE lessons. All pupils are required to have their House t-shirt.

**The main requirement in all respects is for pupils to be smart and well-groomed, with clean clothes and shoes.**

# Years 7 to 11

1. The word ‘standard’ means from the School’s online outfitters: Schoolblazer, or the school shop (second-hand only).

1. Some departments, such as the Sciences and Sports, have special requirements about hair, clothes, and jewellery, which they will make clear to their pupils.

1. Tracksuits and games kit should not be worn in non-PE lessons unless prior permission has been given by the games coach or teacher of the lesson.

1. Requirements given here on hair styles and hair colour should be read with the words ‘avoidance of extremes of fashion’ understood. If you are in any doubt, consult your Housemaster/mistress.

**Shoes** Smart, black, and of a sensible style, not boots, suede or canvas. Trainers, pumps/daps arenot permitted. The shoes must be kept clean/polished. Maximum heel height 3cm.

**Top Coats** These should be plain Navy Blue or Black, without obvious logos, with full front opening. Reflective safety stripes are encouraged.

**Jumpers** Standard school V-necked.

**Blazers** Standard school, Navy crested or crested Lapel.

**Scarves** Plain black or dark blue – students can be expected to remove all scarves (and top coats) for assemblies, lunches and lessons.

**Skirt** Bespoke plaid kilt; should be knee length (or below) and should not be

rolled.

# Pupil Dress Code

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| **Trousers** | These should be tailored in Charcoal Grey (not Black or cotton) and should cover the ankle. |
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| **Socks/Tights** | 3/4 length navy socks or tights (not ripped or laddered) |
|  | Summer variation - 3/4 length or short white socks. |
| **Shirts** | Standard blue Chambray and worn with a tie. |
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| **Tie** | Standard school tie to be worn with shirt and blazer |
| **Blouses** | Standard blue Chambray revere collarblouse to be worn without a tie. |
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| **Hair** | Hair must be neat in style and natural in colour. Students in Years 7-9 must have long hair (shoulder length or longer) tied back at all times.  Boys in all year groups are expected to be clean shaven. |
| **Jewellery/make-up** | Rings - no more than one plain ring |
|  | Earrings - one plain, close fitting sleeper or stud in each ear lobe No other jewellery is permitted and no jewellery may be worn during games. |
| Year 7 to 8 | Make-up and nail varnish are **not** permitted below Year 9. |
| Year 9 to 11: | Makeup may be worn but it must remain discreet. Nail varnish must only be neutral shades. |
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| **Naming** | All articles of clothing and other personal possessions should be clearly named at the neck or waist where possible. |
| **NB:** | Blazers should be worn except when summer dress is permitted. |
|  | T-shirts should not show above the collar and no logo should |
|  | be visible. |

**Sportswear (years 7-13)**

The aim is that each student should engage with the wide-ranging activity programme. The following is compulsory kit bespoke to West Buckland School:

**PE/Games Sport Specific**

Training Pants Netball Shirt and Skort; Soft Shell Jacket

Midlayer

Sublimated Games Top

Raquet Sport Top Rugby smock and shorts; PE shorts

House T-shirt

Games Socks

Swim Cap Cricket Shirt

Gumshield

Shin Pads

Other kit is available through Schoolblazer and required should they wish to represent the school.

**Sixth Form Uniform Expectations 2022-23**

**Shoes** Black, dark brown or navy leather or suede, and of sensible / formal style. Heels should be of a sensible height. Shoes should be kept cleaned/polished.

**Coats**  These should be a conservative plain colour and open fully down the front. Jackets must be worn under coats at all times.

**Jumpers** Plain, single coloured V-necked jumpers or cardigans that fit neatly and sit well under a jacket, i.e. cuffs and waistbands should not be visible when wearing a jacket. Jumpers with collars, zips or shapeless fleece style will not be acceptable. Jumpers, and cardigans may be worn over a blouse, not as an alternative. Chunky cable-knit or cricket-style jumpers are not permitted. Cardigans must never be worn as an alternative to a jacket

**Jackets** Sixth Form students are expected to wear jackets during the academic day at school occasions such as assemblies, lunch, arrival at and departure from school, and to and from lessons.

**Suits (boys)** Black, grey, dark blue or dark brown and may include a subtle pinstripe, tweed or check. A smart sports jackets and trousers may also be worn.

**Suits (girls)** Co-ordinating separates may be worn e.g. a patterned jacket and plain skirt or shift dress

Skirts and dresses should be business like, and form part of a suit.

Skirts should be no shorter than mid thigh with dark opaque tights. Skater-style skirts/dresses, and tight-fitting stretchy fabric are not formal / business-like and are not permitted.

Jumpers should not be worn with dresses, although cardigans are acceptable.

**Trousers**  Formal and tailored, and form part of a suit (Boys)

Skin tight fashion trousers, legging and jean type trousers are not permitted.

**Socks**  Dark colour(s).

**Tights**  Black, navy, dark grey or natural. No fashion tights.

**Shirts** Plain single, pale (pastel) colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired.

**Blouses**  Plain single, pale colour, with subtle pinstripes, if desired; the blouse should have a collar, and thin straps are not permitted. When not wearing a jumper, blouses made of thin transparent material which allow underwear / undershirts to be visible are not permitted. The blouse should not protrude below the jumper or cardigan.

**Ties (Boys)** School, approved representative or a smart alternative is permitted. To be worn when wearing a jacket.

**Hair**  The requirement here is ‘the avoidance of extremes’. It may be worn long but must be fastened back off the face and shoulders for practical activities or lessons where required. Hair style should be neat, and colour should be natural

Boys should be clean shaven

**Jewellery/ Make Up**

Makeup and jewellery should be discreet. Nose studs and eyebrow piercings are not permitted

Jewellery must not be worn during games

* Please ask pupils to adjust their dress in front of you as they are *not meeting the uniform expectations*
* For repeat offenders please let them know you will be alerting the HoS
* If a skirt is shorter than mid-thigh please inform HSM and let the pupil know they will be expected to replace the skirt.

Sanctions for inappropriate dress:

1. Warning and adjust appearance

2. Break time detention on iSAMs

3. Refer to HoS– uniform card

4. Refer to Mrs Corbin

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