



WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

Appearance Code (Students)

The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride.

Students are expected to look neat, tidy and business like at all times. Uniform should be clean and repaired or replaced if necessary; we welcome parental support in ensuring that students adhere to this expectation.

Pupils who repeatedly fail to abide by this code can expect to receive sanctions in line with the school behaviour policy. This may include an Appearance Report Card, Detention or further sanction for continued transgressions.

Hairstyles

- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. **The school is the arbiter of what is considered “extreme”. If in any doubt please contact the school.**
- Male students’ hair must not be longer than collar length.
- Hair must not be excessively layered, and the contrast between the shorter layer around the lower part, and the longer upper part must be kept to a minimum and blended progressively without a sudden change of hair length
- Undercuts, tracts, lines, shapes or any other patterns cut into the hair are not permitted.
- Hair should be clean, well brushed, neat and of a natural colour.
- Hair extensions are unsuitable for school; students with hair extensions will be asked to remove them.
- Girls’ hair should reveal no obvious hair accessories other than a dark coloured bobble or hair scrunch.
- Hair should not be dyed or streaked such that it looks in any way unnatural.

Facial Hair

- Boys’ faces should be clean shaven except where specific written permission has been requested and granted on religious or medical grounds.

Jewellery

- Female students are allowed to wear discreet studs in the lobe of each ear.
- Students are not permitted to wear any other visible body piercings e.g. nose piercings, tongue studs or facial piercings.
- Students are not allowed to cover piercings with a plaster.
- Students are not allowed to wear any other Jewellery including rings and/or bracelets.

Make up

- **Discreet** makeup is allowed. If makeup is brought into school it will be confiscated.
- Students wearing makeup that is not considered discreet will be asked to remove it; persistent offenders may face sanctions. **The school is the arbiter of what is considered “discreet”. If in any doubt please contact the school.**
- False nails are not permitted.
- False eye lashes are not permitted.
- Visible tattoos are not acceptable.
- Only clear nail varnish is permitted.

6th Form Dress

- Boys should wear smart, plain or pinstriped suit in a dark colour i.e. the jacket and trousers must be made of the same material. The material may not be jersey, denim, tweed or corduroy.
- Girls should wear a smart business like jacket. This should be accompanied by formal trousers, skirt or dress of sufficient length to preserve modesty and must be business-like in style. Neither jeans nor shorts may be worn. A jumper may be worn in addition to, but not in place of, a jacket.
- Girls are reminded that skirts or dresses, which are very close-fitting (probably with a high lycra content), or are very short are not suitable or acceptable school wear.
- A colours or representative blazer may be worn by either gender, and is encouraged.

Shirts and Ties

- A white school shirt and school tie are compulsory for all students below 6th Form.
- 6th Form Boys must wear a shirt and acceptable tie.
- 6th Form Girls must wear a smart blouse.
- Shirts must be tucked into trousers/skirts.
- The top button of shirts must be fastened and the tie must cover the top button.
- School ties must be worn to an acceptable length (4 stripes rule).

School Blazer

- This is compulsory for all students in Years 7 to 11.
- Blazers should be clean and tidy in good repair.
- Sleeves of blazers must not be rolled up.

School Skirts

- Skirts must be the standard pleated school skirt- no other design will be allowed.
- Skirts must be a regulation length. The school is the sole arbiter of what is regulation length. A guide is that skirts should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
- Skirts **must not be rolled up** at the waist.

School Trousers

- School trousers should be black in colour.
- Jean/chino style trousers are not permitted.
- Trousers should sit on the waist.
- If a belt is worn, it must be plain black leather with a plain buckle.

Footwear

- Smart black polished leather shoes should be worn for school.
- Boots, trainers, canvas, open toe, designer and /or high heels are not suitable for school.
- For safety reasons heels on shoes should be low level or flat

School Jumper

- A black v-neck school jumper from the school outfitters is permitted.
- No other style of jumper is acceptable.

Socks/tights

- Boys should wear black or dark grey socks.
- Girls should wear plain black opaque tights. Patterned tights are not acceptable.
- Girls may wear white ankle socks.
- Trainer socks are not permitted

Coats

- The school does not have a coat as part of the uniform.
- A sensible coat is recommended.
- Outdoor coats may only be worn to travel to and from school.
- Hooded jumpers do not form any part of school uniform and must not be worn. This includes hooded jumpers with school badges.

Additional

- All items of clothing should be named
- Students are expected to take personal responsibility for their belongings. The school cannot take responsibility for personal items that are lost.

Uniform list

- This is available on the school website.

Sports Kit & After School Expectations

- A full list of sports kit requirements is available on the school website via the below link. **Please note items are compulsory unless stated.**

<https://www.woodhousegrove.co.uk/the-grove/useful-information/uniform/>

- Pupils (except boarders) are required to change after Games lessons unless they are attending a co-curricular activity requiring them to be in school sports kit.
- Pupils are not expected to change back in to uniform after a co-curricular activity after school prior to going home.
- Pupils who are required to change early for a fixture must wear school kit. Pupils are not permitted to attend classroom based lessons in shorts, skorts or leggings and should be wearing school tracksuit bottoms and a school games or PE top.
- Pupils are not permitted to work in the library in unclean Games or PE kit. The expectation is that pupils will be in uniform or clean tracksuits. Boarders are an exception and may attend the library, after school, in their casual clothes.
- Day Pupils who stay for tea are expected to be in uniform or in clean tracksuits.
- Boarders must not attend tea or the library in dirty sports kit, vests or short leggings.