Park House School Uniform, Appearance and Equipment

Including sixth form uniform

1. Aims

A smart appearance is an important aspect of modern life and it does help a person to display an air of self confidence and a sense of respect. Park House School aims to prepare students for a successful life and so an emphasis on taking pride in one's own appearance is an essential part of the educational process. Park House School has a strict uniform policy which helps to enhance the purposeful and successful climate of the School. Our uniform policy demands professionalism and ensures safety which also ensures that students are fully focused on learning as opposed to other distractions.

Park House School uniform provides students with many positive advantages because uniform:

- Diminishes the social exclusion of students based on what they are wearing
- Places stronger focus on academic performance
- Reduces tension as students do not have to compete with their peers for the latest trends in clothes
- Creates an atmosphere of teamwork
- Encourages pride in personal appearance and of Park House School
- Promotes safety, particularly through making it easier to identify strangers
- Increases self-esteem and reduces peer pressure
- Most cost effective to parents in the long run.
- Makes them ambassadors for Park House School in the local community.

2. Uniform and Equipment

2.1 Uniform for Year 7-11

For all Year 7-11 students, the uniform is:

- A school blazer and school tie*
- A plain white work-style shirt or blouse
  This can be short or long sleeved and must be tucked in at all times.
- Either tailored black trousers or the school kilt*
- Trousers must be full length and touching the shoe; kilts must be worn to knee length (mid-knee) and must not be rolled up so as to adjust their length
- Formal and professional plain black shoes – these should be of a material that can be polished. No canvas shoes i.e. 'dolly shoes', suede shoes, trainers or military style / doctor martin boots
- House badge (available on Parent Pay and collected from school)
- A school jumper
  This is optional and can be worn under the blazer, but not instead of a blazer
- Socks must be plain black
- Tights (no leggings) should be plain black and not patterned
- During cold/wet weather, students are encouraged to wear an outside, waterproof coat for the journey to and from school and during break time and lunchtime if outside the school buildings. Please note that denim/leather jackets and hoodies are NOT permitted and such items will be confiscated if worn on site.

Further information, along with examples of acceptable shoes and trousers can be found on our website. Items marked with a * must be purchased from our uniform shop, Skoolkit.

Students arriving in school wearing incorrect uniform will be issued a one-hour detention on the same day and sent to RFL to correct it. Failure to do so will result in the student remaining in RFL until resolved.

In cases where medical reasons require a modification to the uniform policy, notice in the form of a letter on headed paper from a medical professional must be addressed to the Headteacher detailing the reason. Notes from parents will not be accepted for missing/forgotten items of uniform or medical dispensations.

2.2 Jewellery

The only jewellery which is acceptable is a wrist watch and one pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings in the lobe of the ear only. Any other form of jewellery or piercings are not allowed. Park House does not allow facial piercings of any kind, including transparent piercing retainers. Students will be asked to remove any other piercings if they are visible and be issued a one-hour detention on the same day. Failure to do so will result in the student spending the day in RFL where they will remain until any prohibited piercings are removed.

2.3 Hair

Hair is to be of natural colour and only one colour. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, including tramlines and other shaved patterns, Mohicans and skinhead-type styles. Hair must be no shorter than grade 2. Students arriving in school with an unacceptable hairstyle (including lines shaved into eyebrows) will be sent to RFL. Students with long hair must tie it back for PE, Technology and Science lessons.

Please note: please make informed decisions with your children with respect to piercings and hair styles that may be changed during school breaks – if a student arrives on their first day back with prohibited styles or piercings they will be placed in RFL.

2.4 Make-up

No make-up of any kind is to be worn by students. This includes foundation, lipstick, lip-gloss, mascara, blusher, eye shadow, eyeliner, brow liner and nail varnish (including false nails and false eyelashes). Students arriving in school wearing makeup, nail varnish or false nails will be asked to remove it and be issued a one-hour detention on the same day. Failure to do so will result in the student being sent to RFL.

3. Sixth Form Dress Code

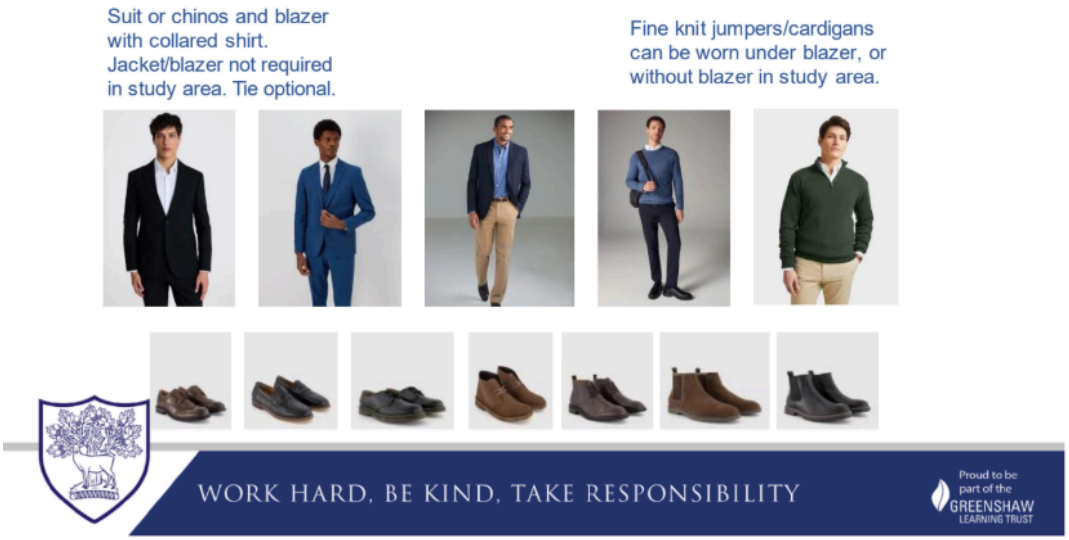
The Sixth Form operates a separate dress code. Students must ensure they are smartly dressed at all times, as you would be if working in a smart professional environment. Sixth form students are role models for the rest of Park House School and as such need to be smartly presented at all times. Identity cards with lanyards must be visible at all times.

- A blazer
- A shirt, blouse or a smart professional dress
- Formal, tailored trousers or a skirt
- Smart, formal shoes
- Jumpers and smart cardigans can be worn under a blazer.

The following are not permitted:

- Casual style dresses such as those with a vest style top, very thin straps and strapless style top
- Sweatshirts or oversized logos Denim/jeans trousers, jackets, shirts, blouses or skirts
- Studs on trousers, skirts or shirts/blouses
- Casual trousers – combats, track suits, leggings
- Casual tops – track suit, fleeces, T-shirts, hooded tops, vest tops
- Shorts, tight narrow legged trousers, trousers made of stretchy legging-type material
- Sportswear
- Very short skirts/revealing clothes
- Trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, Vans, Kicker trainers or leisure shoes/pumps
- Gloves, hats, caps
- Clothing made of sheer/transparent materials
- Tattoos should not be visible.

Examples of our Sixth Form Uniform:



These descriptions are to help you adhere to the dress code. We reserve the right to ask students to modify/ change their dress if they do not meet the aims or requirements of the Sixth Form dress code. Sixth Form students inappropriately dressed will be asked to return home to change. This will affect lesson attendance and therefore possibly progress.

It is beyond the scope of the policy to provide guidance on every eventuality. In the event of queries, the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the Sixth Form, will act as the arbiter.

4. Equipment

All students are expected to carry their everyday equipment (PE kit, pencil case, books, etc.) in a bag of suitable size. Small handbags and boot bags are not suitable for everyday use.

Every student is expected to bring with him/her the following basic items of equipment for every lesson, every day:

- School bag
- Timetable (provided by the school)
- 30cm ruler
- HB Pencil
- 2 Pens (black or blue)
- Green pen
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- 180 or 360 degree protractor
- Compass
- Casio fx-83GTCW Scientific calculator
- Mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen (first one provided by the school)
- Reading Book
- **All stationary must be kept in a clear pencil case for easy inspection**
- **All equipment must be kept in a rucksack/backpack or shoulder bag and must be large enough to carry A4 size books and folders. Bags should also be waterproof.**

Tippex/liquid paper is not permitted in school and must not be used in any school work.

Text books and specialised equipment will be issued on loan to students and students will be required to pay for any loss or damage to school property.

Failure to have any of the above will result in a one-hour detention on the same day.

4.1 Aerosols

For health and safety reasons, aerosols (including but not limited to deodorants, hairsprays, body sprays and aftershaves) are not to be used in school.

4.2 Energy Drinks

For health and concentration reasons, fizzy and energy drinks are prohibited within the school. If they are seen, they will be confiscated. Failure to hand over an item when requested will result in one day in RFL.

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5. Uniform acceptability examples

Acceptable footwear examples

Unacceptable footwear examples

Acceptable and unacceptable trouser examples

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Acceptable blazer, shirt, tie and kilt