

St David's High School

Uniform Policy



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Rationale:

We believe that a smart uniform is very important; it demonstrates the pride that students take in our school and signals their belonging and commitment to our learning community.

It also reflects our high standards and sets the right tone for learning.

Finally, it prevents the pressure to conform, providing a level playing field within a diverse community, thus protecting learner's well-being and reducing the pressures on parents to spend large amounts on designer clothing.

Uniform Expectations:

No extremes of appearance are acceptable, and the school asks for the support from guardians in ensuring their children dress and present themselves correctly.

Uniform List

Suppliers: School logo items can only be purchased from Monkhouse in Mold, or online at <https://www.monkhouse.com/our-stores-mold>

- White Logo Polo Shirt
- Black Logo V Neck Sweater, Cardigan or Fleece
- Black formal school style trousers (tight fitting trousers, stretch fabric, leggings tracksuit bottoms, mountaineering style trousers or denim are not allowed)
- Plain black tailored shorts (Acceptable all year round)
- St David's pleated tartan skirt (Monkhouse). No other skirt is permitted and this is to be worn knee length.
- Black shoes or trainers (Must be completely black with NO colour markings at all). If wearing a shoe, it must be low heeled.
- Socks/tights must be black

PE Kit:

- PE short sleeved top with school logo
- Black PE shorts or black running leggings with school logo
- PE short sleeved top with school logo
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*Examples of uniform can be viewed on the school website.

*We advise that school uniform should be properly labelled with the child's name.

Outdoor Garments:

Should be of a dark colour, serviceable, and should fit to be worn to and from school in bad weather.

It must also be the style where it can be fully opened rather than worn over head. Hoodies are not permitted.

Outdoor coats are to be removed once a student arrives at form for registration. They are not to be worn on the corridors during the school day.

Clothes that are not part of the official school uniform e.g. baseball caps, neck-warmers, leather jackets, denim jackets, hooded tops, or anything that we consider to be “street culture”, are not allowed to be worn either on the way to school or in school.

Hair

Hair must be a natural colour.

Those who arrive with extreme hair colours will be asked to return to a natural colour and will be housed in the NET until such time.

The school will decide what is extreme.

If you are in any doubt about your child’s hair style or colour, please check with a senior member of staff.

Head bands and hair bobbles should be of a dark colour, and not excessive.

The minimum length for boys is number 1. Tramlines, shaved designs in hair or shaved eyebrows are not permitted.

Piercings

No facial piercings or body jewelry is allowed (nose, tongue, lip, eyebrow, belly button etc).

Learners are permitted to have a maximum of one stud per ear.

Stretchers/Spacers are not allowed.

We have the right to insist that students remove such piercings.

The school will not be responsible for any injury caused by, or to, a body piercing.

Jewelry

All jewelry brought into school is at students' own risk. Items permitted are:

- One stud per ear
- Single necklace
- Single bracelet
- Single ring
- Watch

Make Up & Nails

Make-up is allowed if it is subtle and applied minimally.

False eyelashes must not be extreme.

Nail extensions (false nails) are not allowed.

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on what is extreme.

If there is any doubt about uniform or presentation, guardians are asked to contact school before making a purchase, or before sending their child to school.

Sanctions:

Any student not in full uniform will have 24 hours grace to rectify the issue. If not resolved they will be housed in the NET until it is rectified.

This will be logged on SIMS.

In each term following three uniform breaches the learner will not receive any period of grace. They will be sent home for parents to address.

In case of unforeseen problems with uniform, parents should contact the appropriate group tutor to explain the issue.

Equality and Diversity

The school is respectful of all faiths and where specific faiths require alterations to the uniform and appearance code, we will do our best to accommodate those needs.

Students with additional needs, who may need amendments to the uniform, will be accommodated.

Some students may suffer from allergies or from sensory disorders.

In all cases, guardians are advised to contact the school with evidence of the need, and to discuss amendments to support the student.

Financial Assistance

If you are in receipt of benefits, you can apply for a 'School Essentials Grant' via the LEA. This is an online application process. You can find further information via this website:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-School-Essentials-Grants.aspx>

Swap Shop

St David's High School hold spare uniform items in our swap shop to support students and families should students have:

- Outgrown uniform
- Damaged uniform

The swap shop is also intended to support families financially.

Items are free, and you do not have to exchange items. If you would like to browse the swap shop please contact the school office.

You can donate your unwanted or unused school uniform to the swap shop.

To conclude, in accepting a place at St David's High School, it is assumed that guardians agree to this policy.