

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.

Our uniform is designed to be practical and in expensive and most items are readily available from main department stores.

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 Polo Shirt with school logo.
- Black Crew /V- Neck Sweater, Cardigan or Fleece with School Logo
- Black formal trousers (must be straight leg, ideally pleated with discrete button and zip fastening) No chrome zips to be visible, no tight fitting stretch style, no flares, no high waist fit, no denim, no cargo style, no tracksuit bottoms and no mountaineering trousers.
- 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, grey or white (black or flesh coloured Lycra tights are acceptable).

School sweatshirts, polo shirts and PR kit are available from our supplier Monkhouse in store or online

PE Kit:

All students are expected to participate in physical education unless excused for medical grounds supported by a note from a doctor. The following clothing is necessary for full participation and can be ordered from the school supplier.

Boy's kit:

- Black T- shirt
- Black shorts
- Black football socks
- Football boots
- Black and white striped football shirt
- Training shoes

Girl's kit:

- Black T-shirt
- Black leggings or shorts
- Black football socks
- Training shoes

In the interests of hygiene a towel and a change of undergarment is needed.

During gymnastics students will work in bare foot in accordance with national guidelines.

All items should be marked with the student's name.

It would be helpful if indoor footwear could have non- marking soles.

*Examples of uniform can be viewed on the school website.

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

Health & Safety

Pupils are advised that the wearing of a mouthguard can in some circumstances offer a measure of protection against mouth/ jaw injury, and that a properly fitted mouthguard will probably offer the best protection.

Where mouthguards have NOT been individually fitted by a dentist or dental technician, it is essential that any manufacturer's instructions relating to the wearing of the mouthguard are strictly followed.

Whatever its origin a mouthguard must fulfil the following criteria;

- It needs to fit comfortably but tightly
- It needs to be easily removable
- It should not impair breathing in any way

In the interests of oral hygiene, it should be made of a substance that can be effectively cleaned.

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. (Casual, sportswear type outer garments 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 and should refrain from cutting their hair in outrageous styles.

Those who arrive with extreme hair colours or cuts will be asked to return to a natural colour, and return to a style that complies with the school’s dress code. Pupils will be housed in the NET until they are deemed to be compliant.

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.

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 earlobe. If earrings are to be worn, they must be no more than one stud earring and be in the lobes of the ears.

The following piercings are NOT permitted; Upper lobe, Helix, Forward Helix, Rook, Daith, Tragus, Antitragus, Conch & Septum.

Stretchers/Spacers are not allowed.

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

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 earlobe (further details in piercings section)
- Single necklace
- Single bracelet
- Single ring per hand
- Watch

No badges or brooches are allowed and neither is any form of body piercing. Any unsuitable jewelry will be confiscated and will be kept in the school safe until collected by parents. Jewelry must be removed for P.E and handed to the PE teacher for safekeeping in a clear plastic envelope with the student's name written clearly on the outside.

If students choose not to follow this advice and loss or damage occurs at this or any other time, to any item, school cannot be held responsible in any way.

Make Up & Nails

Make up is not allowed in the lower school – Years 7, 8 & 9.

Make-up is allowed in Upper school (years 10 and 11) 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.

Other items;

Mobile phones, radios, MP3 players, computer games etc.

The school strongly advises students **NOT** to bring such items to school and as with jewelry we cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.

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.