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## **Uniform Policy**

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The Woodlands Community College uniform policy promotes two of the school's core values: 'respect' and 'responsibility'.

The aim of the policy is to:

- encourage a sense of equality to reduce unkind behaviour amongst students
- help students feel connected to the college and feel a sense of pride
- help students to feel safe
- help prepare students for the world of work and to raise their aspirations
- Improve behaviour and reduce distractions

This is so that the all areas of the school environment are safe and happy and progress and attainment is improved across the school.

The agreed uniform is affordable, comfortable, smart and practical.

**Dress Code:**

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Plain black formal school shoes (with no logos, other colours or contrasting soles). Smart black boots are permitted under trousers. Laces must be entirely black. Trainers of any kind including plimsolls are not permitted.	Plain black formal school shoes with low heels (with no logos or other colours or contrasting soles). Smart black boots are permitted under trousers or with black tights. Laces must be entirely black. Trainers of any kind including plimsolls are not permitted.
A black blazer bearing the school logo.	A black blazer bearing the school logo.
A plain white school shirt (not a polo shirt).	A plain white school shirt (not a polo shirt).
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Plain black smart full-length trousers (not leather or denim).	Full-length plain black tailored trousers (not tight-fitting, lycra, leather or denim and not leggings of any kind).
	A smart plain black knee-length pleated, tulip or tailored pencil skirt. Pencil skirts must be on or below the knee. This must not be a lycra tight fitted tube skirt.
	Black tights or white ankle socks are to be worn with a skirt.
An optional uniform school jumper is also available to be purchased. This should not be worn without the school blazer.	An optional uniform school jumper is also available to be purchased. This should not be worn without the school blazer.
All students must have a suitable school bag that can carry books, planner and pencil case.	All students must have a suitable school bag that can carry books, planner and pencil case.

- Shirts should be tucked into the waist belt
- Any clothing worn underneath uniform must not be visible.
- Suitable coats and jackets can be worn outside **in addition** to the blazer but must be removed in lessons.
- Hooded sports tops, tracksuit tops and sweatshirts and other non-uniform items are not acceptable substitutes for coats and jackets. Students wearing such items will be asked to remove them when in the building.
- Hats and other headgear are not permitted in the college building
- For Muslim students the wearing of the hijab is permitted

**Acceptable** ✓



Black knee length tailored pencil skirt with a zip



Black pleated tailored school skirt



Black A line school skirt



Black tailored trousers

**Unacceptable** ✗



Black bodycon/tube skirt



Short black tulip skirt



Short black skater skirt



Black skinny/stretchy fit trousers



Black tailored wide leg trousers



Black leggings/jeggings/jeans



Plain black leather formal school shoes



Trainers, sandals or branded footwear

**Acceptable** ✓



Black tailored school trousers



**Unacceptable** ✗



Black jeans or cords



## **Jewellery**

Students are permitted to wear:

- One small discreet stud may be worn in each ear
- A watch (apple watches and other similar electronic watches/smart watches are not permitted)

Facial piercings (including additional ear piercings, lip, nose and tongue piercings), necklaces, bracelets, bangles, sweatbands are not permitted and will need to be removed. Retainers will not be an accepted.

## **Hair**

No extremes of hair style or colours are allowed. Students who have long hair are to have their hair tied back during practical lessons. Hair must be no shorter than Grade 1; tram tracks/ tram lines/ razor cuts/ beading are not acceptable. Only natural hair colours and styles are acceptable. (Students with extreme haircuts or colours will be isolated until an acceptable change can be made).

## **Makeup and Nails.**

Discretely applied make-up is acceptable for students in Years 10 and 11 only. If makeup is deemed inappropriate, students will be asked to remove it. Finger nails must not be coloured or acrylic.

## **Enforcement of the uniform policy**

It is the responsibility of all staff to enforce the uniform policy throughout the day as part of the day to day running of the college. Students found not to be in the correct uniform will be asked to remedy the situation immediately. This may include borrowing uniform from school. If they cannot they will be placed in internal isolation with their tutor or year leader and a 40 minute detention issued daily until the issue can be discussed with parents and rectified. Persistent refusal to follow school uniform rules may result in further sanctions. If there are genuine and exceptional reasons why a student is not in correct uniform parents and carers are encouraged to write a note explaining why their child is not in uniform and the student should show this to a member of the behaviour team. If the reason is deemed appropriate, a temporary uniform pass will be issued.

## **Issues arising from the uniform policy**

Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons, such as medical needs or religious beliefs, will always be considered carefully. A medical note from the doctor or hospital will be required for students in alternative footwear longer than 5 school days.