

UNIFORM CODE

Sir William Ramsay School believes it is important to maintain a high standard of School Uniform. The school's uniform is designed to be smart and to signify pride in belonging to the school as well as the wider community. Any potential inequalities and negative group allegiances are also eliminated by the uniform dress code.

Students are expected to be smartly dressed at all times, including on their journey to and from Sir William Ramsay School.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child is appropriately dressed for school each day. We expect all students to wear the correct uniform as listed in this document.

It is the responsibility of all members of staff to question students who attend school inappropriately dressed or not wearing full school uniform. Tutors are often the first staff to greet students in the morning and are therefore the first person, in a position of authority, to challenge students about their dress code. Students may then be referred to their Head of Year or the Pastoral Team if necessary.

IN AN EMERGENCY

In an emergency, such as shoes splitting, a note to that effect from the parent/carer is necessary, as is their prompt attention to the matter. The school operates a uniform pass system for temporary problems. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for a particular reason, such as medical or religious needs, will always receive careful consideration.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A student wearing non-uniform clothing will be issued with a note in their planner and this will be monitored. In the event of repeated uniform infringements parents/carers will be contacted.

In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item, which will be confiscated and can only be collected by that student, from the Pastoral Office at the end of the week. If a student is unable to remove a piercing because they are stuck, they should be sent to the Pastoral Office and a note will be written in their planner, a call home will be made and they will be kept for break and lunch detentions until the piercing can be removed.

If a student refuses to remove their jewellery for any reason and they do not have a note in their planner from Pastoral, this will be treated as defiance and dealt with accordingly.

Phones and airpods/earphones (including all other types of earphones) that have been confiscated can be collect from the Student Support Office at the end of the day.

Students should raise any issues with their Form Tutor or the Pastoral Team.

The School reserves the right not to accept the wearing of any item of clothing which is deemed to be inappropriate in terms of the stated uniform list. The Head of School is the final arbiter on uniform.

We recommend that all clothing/footwear is clearly marked with the student's name.

If in doubt, check with a member of Senior Staff, Head of Year or the Pastoral Team before purchasing.

COST OF UNIFORM

We want to ensure that the cost of uniform does not deter any student from applying to the school or lead to them feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities.

Parents/Carers who are unable to provide their child with the required items of school uniform should contact the Pastoral Team. Such approaches will be handled with the utmost discretion and sensitivity.

The uniform suppliers, costs and quality of the uniform are reviewed regularly to ensure that they provide good quality clothing at an affordable price.

WHERE TO GET OUR UNIFORM

Items are available from our school stockist:- www.sportcrest.co.uk
You can find them in the Town Centre: **Sport Crest, 3 Union Parade, Eden Centre, High Wycombe, Bucks**

NEW TIES

As part of this Uniform Dress Code and to help create a sense of community spirit within the year group, Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 have a colour tie, with a coloured stripe allocated to the year group, these ties will progress with the student as they move through the school.



UNIFORM GUIDELINES

PERMITTED

- Navy Blazer with Embroidered School Badge
- White, Collared Shirt and School Tie (appropriate coloured tie for year group) top buttons are to be done up at all times and ties should not be shortened.
- Plain Mid-Grey School Trousers
- Stitched Down Pleated **Mid-Grey** Skirt knee length, the bottom of the skirt should be closer to the knee than to the bottom of the blazer
- Plain Navy-Blue Hijab
- Plain Navy V-Neck Jumper or Cardigan
- Black Leather School Shoes the maximum overall height for shoes will be 2.5cm
- Plain black or neutral tights/plain black, grey or white ankle socks
- A sensible and appropriate coat may be worn to and from school and during break times
- A wristwatch may be worn (some smart/internet enabled watches cannot be worn in exams or assessments)
- Sunglasses outdoors on sunny days (expensive branded glasses worn at own risk)
- One pair of small (max 5mm) stud earrings
- One discreet nose stud

STRICTLY NOT PERMITTED

- No trainers, boots, crocs, high heeled shoes, this includes black trainers or any shoe the school judges a trainer (we withhold the right to make this judgement and advice/descriptions of appropriate school shoes from shoe retailers will not be accepted)
- No hoodies, sweatshirts or non-school jumpers are to be worn at any time
- No knee length/thigh length socks to be worn at any time
- No leggings
- No skinny jeans, denim trousers, chinos or non-school trousers
- No baseball caps/hats
- No scarves/pashminas to be worn inside school
- No jewellery/rings/chains/hoop earrings
- No painted nails, false/acrylic nails
- No false eyelashes (strip or extensions)
- Short/tight skirts

If there is a medical reason why shoes cannot be worn, then a doctor's note must be brought to school by the student and the issue resolved as soon as possible. The school will consider financial support when the cost of shoes/uniform is prohibitive to students.

PE KIT

- Navy/Sky PE Polo Shirt with Logo
- Navy/Sky Panel PE Shorts or Skort (from supplier)
- Navy/Sky Unisex Hooded PE Top with Logo
- Navy/Sky Base Layer Leggings
- Plain Navy Tracksuit Bottoms
- Sports Socks

- Navy PE Socks with SWR Lettering
- Non-Marking Trainers
- Football Boots
- Gum Shield
- Shin Pads
- Hairband for tying back long hair during sport, as required

STRICTLY NOT PERMITTED

- No branded sportswear or clothing
- No Hoodies
- No thin/transparent or 'shaped' leggings
- No fashion styled trainers that are not appropriate for sports
- Any jewellery or personal items that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated

CORRECT UNIFORM



SHOES & SCHOOL BAGS

When buying shoes please remember the following points:-

- All black leather or leather imitation
- Laced, velcro strap or slip on are all acceptable
- Plain black shoes without accessories or logos

When purchasing a 'school bag' please ensure that it is a robust and spacious bag such as a rucksack – clearly named as many students have the same bags.

Small, fashionable, 'man bags' or handbags are not fit for this purpose. We would prefer students to have a bag big enough to contain both sport kit plus all the text and exercise books required for a day's learning.





WE EXPECT YOU TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING

HAIR

- Individual fashion statements such as extreme hair styles or colours are not permitted.
 Hair should be of natural colour, cut no shorter than a grade 2, with no tram lines, shaved shapes in the hair or 'bar codes' in eyebrows.
- No decorative attachments to braids or extensions are to be worn in the hair and please remember that long hair should be tied back in practical lessons.
- No hoods, hats, caps or bandannas to be worn anywhere on the School site. Hats may be worn in extremely cold weather, such as snow.

CLOTHING

- No denim, leather, cord or large logos.
- No trainers to be worn around School.
- No visible tattoos.

MAKE UP & JEWELLERY

- Natural make up only.
- No tinted/cosmetic contact lenses or decorative dental wear.
- No gel, acrylic or silk nails.
- No visible nail varnished.
- No false eyelashes (strip or extensions).
- Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (5mm max) and one discreet nose stud.
- Students may wear a wristwatch but no other visible jewellery is permitted. Please note that all jewellery which includes any piercings, without exception, must be removed for PE lessons for Health and Safety reasons.

Personal Items

- Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought on the school site.
- The school will not accept liability for any claim arising from theft, accidental loss or damage to personal effects, money, belongings or clothing whilst on the premises.
- Mobile Phones, Tablets, Gadgets etc. are brought on site at the owner's risk, they are not covered by the school's insurance and will be confiscated if staff are aware of it, between 8.30am and 3pm. Money should be kept in a purse or wallet.
- Confiscated items will be held securely at the school and can be collected in line with the relevant policy.

FURTHER GUIDANCE

DESCRIPTION	FURTHER INFORMATION
Navy Blazer with school logo	To be kept in a smart, clean appearance and worn during the day, as well as to and from the school, unless directed otherwise by staff.
Navy Tie with school logo & correct year group stripe	Only Sir William Ramsay School ties can be worn. Each year group will have its own-coloured stripe for easier year group identification.
White Shirt	The shirt should be tucked in , buttoned and worn with the SWR Tie. Any polo neck, T-shirt, vest or underwear worn should not be visible through the shirt. No designer shirts or girls fitted blouses.
Navy Jumper or Cardigan with School Logo	This is an optional item; no other jumper or cardigan may be worn under blazers.
Trousers Mid-Grey	Tailored trousers - NO cords, drainpipes, jeans or skin-tight trousers - black belts only.
Skirt Mid-Grey	Stitched Down Pleated Skirt - Knee length, the bottom of the skirt should be closer to the knee than to the bottom of the blazer.
Socks/Tights	Plain black or neutral tights/plain black, grey or white ankle length socks. White socks must NOT be worn over black tights.
Hijab	Plain Navy
Outerwear	No large logos or writing. Scarves or pashminas are not to be worn in school.
Black Footwear	Shoes should plain black and of 'classic' design – lace up, buckle or slip on. Black laces. The maximum overall height for shoes will be 2.5cm NO high heels, boots, canvas shoes or trainers.
Hair Accessories	Hairbands or headscarves for girls must be navy or black.