

Abbey Community College

UNIFORM POLICY

It is our aim at Abbey Community College to bring each individual to their full potential in a school atmosphere of harmony and shared community values. For this reason, we insist on high standards in dress and appearance which prepare our students for successful careers in the wider community.

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and creating an environment for learning.

This letter is to remind all Parents / Guardians of the school uniform policy, especially as you prepare for next academic year. The policy applies for the whole academic year so Parents / Guardians should bear in mind the possibility of having to replace additional shoes or clothing items as the academic year progresses.

Uniform for Junior and Senior School

- Black Abbey Community College blazer with school badge
- White shirt (shirts must be tucked in). Top button secure.
- School Tie – clipped on.
- Grey V-neck jumper (boys)
- Grey V-neck jumper/cardigan (girls)
- Black trousers (boys)
- Black knee-length box-pleated skirt (girls)
- Black socks (boys)
- Black socks/black tights (girls)
- Plain Black outdoor coat
- **No hooded tops, sweatshirts or hats are to be worn on the school premises. This includes break and lunch times.**



Shoes:

- Plain, black, polishable, leather shoes (no trainer style or canvas shoes). 'Converse' style shoes, even with leather are not part of the school uniform. Shoes with colour flashes, symbols or rubber toe caps equally are not part of the school uniform.



Uniform for Upper School: As for Junior & Senior School except for:

- Black Sixth Form blazer
- Sixth Form School Tie

PE Kit for Boys and Girls

- Abbey Community College maroon PE top
- Abbey Community College black shorts (boys)
- Abbey Community College black skirt or shorts (girls)
- Maroon PE socks
- Abbey Community College tracksuit (optional)
- Joma Sport leggings (black) – this brand only
- **No jewellery of any type may be worn in PE or Games for Health and Safety reasons.**

Make-Up

Students in the Junior School are not permitted to wear make-up to school.

In the Senior and Upper School students may wear some subtle foundation. Excessive make-up which stands out is not allowed. Unnatural, drawn on eye brows or false eyelashes are not permitted.

Hairstyles and Haircuts

Extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colouring / dye is unacceptable. Hair must be natural in colour. No 'pattern cuts', shaved (Nothing less than a number 2) or excessively coloured hair is acceptable. Hair bands, clips and slides must be plain and simple in style. Students with long hair must tie it back during practical lessons for reasons of Health and Safety.

Jewellery and Body Art

We do appreciate that our students want to express themselves as they begin to develop their sense of identity. However, please take note of the following points;

- Students are encouraged to wear a watch to help with punctuality and organisation.
- For pierced ears – one small stud in each ear is acceptable. No other styles are allowed and will be confiscated by the Head of Year. They will be returned on receipt of a parental letter.
- Necklaces should not be worn.
- Students are not permitted to wear tongue bars, stretchers or spacers.
- Nose studs, eye brow piercings, mouth studs, chin or lip studs or other forms of facial piercings are not permitted.
- The Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 makes it illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to have a permanent tattoo.

Students representing Abbey Community College are expected to take pride and wear their uniform correctly at all times. We respectfully ask for parents to support us in implementing our policy by ensuring your child attends in full school uniform.

The Full School Policy which sets out the school ethos and sanction pathway is available on the school web-site.



Sanction Pathway: (For jewellery or shoes)

1. Day 1: Advised to remove by Class Tutor (jewellery) or replace (shoes) for following day. Parents will be advised through the Student Planner. Advise of possible detention.
2. Day 2: Detention after school (20 mins)
3. Day 3: Detention after school (30 mins)
4. Day 4: Withdrawn to Head of Year or Head of School until resolved.

If a note to cover wearing of non-school shoes is provided – one week.

Signed by Form tutor.

- a. This letter to go home at beginning of June
- b. This to be shared with all year groups in assembly – penultimate week of term
- c. To be included in information for parent's booklet
- d. Full tri-fold policy on web-site.