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STANDARDS HANDBOOK

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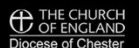
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Buying a school uniform can be an expense and for this reason the uniform has been carefully chosen so that, whilst it is distinctive from those of neighbouring schools, it is also easily obtainable.

Our uniform creates our school identity and establishes a sense of pride amongst the students. It is expected that all students will come to school every day in full, neat, clean uniform, giving the message that our students take pride in belonging to our school. This will continue to be the case until the student leaves the school and will also apply to the public examination period for all students. Year 11 students will attend all examinations and revision sessions in full uniform until their last examination. Staff are required to ensure that these standards are maintained at all times.

Uniform sends a strong message about standards and self-worth. Admission to our school implies acceptance of the uniform code and students who are not correctly dressed may be sent home to change by a senior member of staff. Repeated disregard for school rules could result further consequences. Uniform does not discriminate and ensures all learners have equal opportunities and shared expectations, regardless of background. Where there are genuine reasons or unforeseen circumstances relating to uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year who will help resolve the matter.

UNIFORM SUMMARY

COMPULSORY UNIFORM

- Oakleigh tartan kilt style skirt (length below the knee) or black, formal style trousers, (no jean-type material, leggings, lycra or similar).
- Blue school shirt with collar and top button (no logos and no open neck blouses).
- School clip on tie in navy blue with school crest (available from the Main Office).
- Navy blue blazer with school crest
- Plain black knee socks or plain black 60 denier (plus) tights are to be worn with skirts. Ankle socks with skirts are not permitted. Over the knee socks are not permitted. Plain black ankle socks only to be worn with trousers. We will issue spare skirts / tights should a young person fail to comply with the standards. If a skirt is too short then the person wearing it will be given tights until a new skirt can be purchased.

If a student forgets their blazer, we have a stock from which they can select a blazer to wear for the day.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM

Navy blue V-neck school jumper.

PURCHASING

Uniform can be purchased at Warrington Schoolwear Centre, 50-54 Buttermarket St, Warrington, WA1 2NN.

Ties can be purchased at the school's Main Reception, by cash or by the iPay system.

Uniform can be ordered online via these links:

<https://alphaschoolwear.com/product-category/sir-thomas-boteler-church-of-england-high-school>

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/sir-thomas-boteler-ce-high-school.html>

SHOES

Black, flat, polished shoes with no other colours or marking must be worn at all times. Shoes with a sports logo are not permitted. No trainers, boots, canvas, pumps, heels or shoes that are unable to be polished. Do not assume stores that label their stock "School Shoes" will be an appropriate purchase. Please use the photographs below as a guide; if in doubt contact Mr Leonard, Deputy Headteacher: jleonard@boteler.org.uk. If a student is not wearing the correct shoes, we have suitable footwear that will be made available for them to wear for the day.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

SHIRT AND TROUSER STYLES

Shirts must have a collar (casual shirts and open neck shirts are not permitted) and be worn appropriately, i.e. shirts must be tucked in, collars buttoned at the top. Trousers should be tailored. Trousers should be worn with a plain black belt where necessary and should not hang below the waist. No jeans or leggings are allowed. This year, skirts are specially designed for the school to be on or below the knee. Alterations to the length of a skirt are not permitted.

OUTDOOR COATS

Outdoor coats must be removed on entering the building and should be worn on the journey to and from school. Hoodies, cardigans and non-uniform jumpers are not permitted. These items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

HAIR

Hair must be worn in an appropriate conventional style. Hair styles must be such that they can easily be kept neat and do not prevent students from participating effectively and safely in all school activities. Students are not allowed a grade 0 anywhere on their head. If it is an appropriate blended style it can only blend into a grade 1. If they chose to have a short style all over then shaved heads or a grade 1 or 2 are not acceptable. There should not be any style which the school believes would undermine the ethos or discipline of the school. To be clear this means markings cut into the hair or eyebrows, Mohicans and other extreme styles. The dying, high or low lighting of hair in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted. Students will be required to re-dye their hair in the event of failing to adhere to this rule. Hair accessories must be minimal and appropriate for the learning environment.

MAKEUP AND NAIL VARNISH

Years 7, 8 and 9 are not permitted to wear make-up. Make-up should be minimal and discreet for Year 10 and 11 students. Excessive makeup must not be worn. Lipstick and coloured lip balm is not permitted. False eyelashes, drawn on eyebrows, nail extensions, gel/acrylic nails and nail varnish are not permitted. Students will be asked to remove makeup if a member of staff deems it necessary.

JEWELLERY

No jewellery of any kind is to be worn, except for a watch. Watches must be removed before PE lessons. Students wearing jewellery, other than a watch, will have these items confiscated and they will be returned at the end of the school day.

Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High school has teamed up with SurrIDGE to offer our students a PE kit that reflects professionalism, teamwork and performance. **In wearing the PE kit our students will represent the school's mission statement 'High Aspirations, High Expectations, High standards, you will succeed.'**

All products can be purchased online by visiting <https://www.surridgesport.com/sir-thomas-boteler-school>

COMPULSORY KIT

Students must wear at least one of the following:
Shorts and/or skort and/or leggings
Blade T-Shirt and/or Rugby shirt
Classic Sock

If students wish to be part of a team and represent the school, shorts or skort with blue socks must be worn. No leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Optional Products
GCSE PE Polo Shirt
Warm-up Performance Top
Blade Short
Tracksuit Bottoms
Waterproof Jacket



EQUIPMENT



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Students need to be properly prepared for their lessons. Students need to bring the following equipment every day: pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener (these all need to be in a pencil case), scientific calculator and a suitable school bag. **All students must have a reading book and their Independent Study Pack (ISP) with them.** The ISP is crucial to support learning and it also has a student's timetable in it to ensure students are always punctual.

There will be sanctions for any student who does not comply with the rules and parents/carers will be contacted if the problem persists.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones and headphones/AirPods are not allowed to be used or seen in the school building or on site during the school day.

- On entry to the school building, mobile phones, headphones and other electronic devices must be switched off and put in a school bag.
- Mobile phones and headphones should not be visible on a student. They are to remain in bags.
- Mobile phones will not be allowed to be used in lessons for research, or as a calculator or for telling the time. Students are not allowed to use mobiles as calculators in examinations and they need to have their own scientific calculator for this purpose.
- Mobile phones and headphones are not allowed to be switched on/used until students have left the school building at the end of the school day.
- In an emergency, please contact the school office and we will send a message to your child.
- Mobile phones or headphones seen in the building or outside during school time will be confiscated.
- Students will be able to collect the item at the end of the school day from the C3 room.

Where there are on-going concerns regarding the use of mobile phones, we follow an escalation policy. If a student has their phone confiscated on more than one occasion, arrangements will be made for the student to hand their mobile phone in to staff upon their arrival, each day, for one week. If this is to be the case for your child, we will contact you prior to ensure they are fully aware of plans, with your support needed in ensuring that your child knows and understands the rules.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT



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As a school we will:

- Have high expectations for all learners in all aspects of school life
- Expect high standards of behaviour and promote respect for all
- Provide an environment where all students are safe, happy and confident, whilst striving for the highest possible achievement for all students, underpinned by Christian values
- Deliver a curriculum which is stimulating, challenging, innovative, enjoyable and motivates students
- Offer a range of enrichment activities to interest and engage students beyond the classroom
- Provide regular homework in accordance with the School Homework Policy and ensure appropriate feedback is given
- Provide effective means of communication between home and school and respond quickly to any enquiries or concerns
- Set aspirational individual targets for every student in each subject and promote education as a lifelong process
- Contact parents/carers if there are concerns regarding your child's attendance and punctuality
- Provide support for each student to help them make progress towards their targets, engaging parents in the process
- Develop relationships between all stakeholders based on courtesy, respect and tolerance
- Reward students for their positive contributions and achievements
- Offer parents/carer the opportunity to become involved in the wider life of the school

As a parent/carer/I/we will:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day, in full school uniform, on time and fully equipped
- Inform the school immediately of any absence and avoid unnecessary absences (e.g. Family holidays in term time)
- Support my child's progress and achievement by attending parents evenings and other school events
- Ensure that my child completes the set homework
- Respond to school communications as appropriate and inform school of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's learning, behaviour or well-being
- Support the school ethos, behaviour code of conduct/policy, other policies and guidelines
- Encourage my child to have an active role in the life of the school
- Endorse the efforts of the staff involved in teaching the student and those of the pastoral and support staff
- Ensure the school is notified of any change in emergency contact numbers

As a student I will:

- Attend school regularly and on time, striving for the best possible attendance and punctuality
- Wear the school uniform correctly and follow the school rules relating to appearance
- Be fully equipped for every lesson and look after my property (including ISP)
- Complete classwork and homework to the best of my ability to ensure that good progress is made towards targets
- Behave safely, following the rules of the school
- Treat all members of the school community with courtesy and respect, responding to staff at their first request
- Represent the school in a positive manner when in the community, even when not in the school uniform
- Support the school ethos and attend events at school
- Talk to a member of staff if I have a problem or need support.