



The Castle School
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Uniform Policy

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As part of our policy and ethos, every child should wear their school uniform and PE kit. We believe the benefits wearing school uniform provides include:

- Creating a sense of identity for the school
- Establishing a sense of community and belonging
- Giving students a sense of pride and instilling confidence
- Creating a non-distracting environment for learning.

School uniform requirements will be published on the school's website in order that parents, carers and students are aware of these before expressing their preference for choice of school.

Regular reminders about the uniform will be communicated to parents, carers and students through letters and social media. All uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name.

We regularly review our school uniform to ensure they are as cost-effective as possible and we limit the amount of compulsory 'branded' items. Financial assistance for families entitled to claim free school meals may be available and enquiries should be made through the relevant school.



Please note that if a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this may not mean that those items comply with our school uniform policy. If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of House for guidance.

As part of our ethos to have an eco-friendly school, 'pre-loved', second hand uniform is available for all families. Please contact the school office for further information.

Students will be expected to be dressed in correct school uniform at all times throughout the school day, including on the journey to and from school.

Uniform is available from South West Schoolwear. This can be purchased online at www.swschoolwear.co.uk or at their shop in Taunton.

Uniform List

School **BOTTLE GREEN BLAZER** with The Castle School emblem. A bottle green v- neck or crew neck jumper (not sweatshirt) may be worn under the blazer. Year 11 students are permitted to wear a black v-neck or crew neck jumper (not sweatshirt) as an alternative to the school blazer. The black jumper should be plain and not have any form of logo, symbol or emblem.

WHITE TRADITIONAL SHIRT - not polo shirt or sports shirt (a plain, white T-shirt may be worn under the shirt). Shirts must be tucked in.

SCHOOL TIE IN THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COLOUR (phased in for new students admitted to the school from September 2021).

BLACK TROUSERS, SKIRT OR SHORTS. Corduroy trousers or shorts, denim or cotton/canvas jeans, hipster or skinny fit style trousers and trousers or shorts made from "stretchy" fabric are not permitted. Skirts must be knee-length, pleated and (see picture opposite). Shorts must be knee-length, traditional school trouser material.

PLAIN SOCKS - not brightly coloured. Black or flesh-coloured tights may be worn.

PLAIN BLACK SHOES – All shoes must have a decent sole. Shoes must be smart in appearance and should be leather or leather-type. Trainer-type smart shoes are permitted as long as they are plain black with no tags on the laces. Boots are not permitted.

PE KIT

Plain **WHITE POLO SHIRT**

School **RUGBY SHIRT**** or school **SWEATSHIRT**

School or plain black **SHORTS or SKORTS**

Long, black football **SOCKS**

Plain, black, full length **LEGGINGS** (optional)

School **DANCE TOP** (optional)

Plain, black **TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS** (optional)

TRAINERS

FOOTBALL BOOTS

SHIN PADS

GUM SHIELD (strongly recommended)

** Required when playing rugby as part of the curriculum. Boys currently play rugby as part of the curriculum.

Rugby shirts are optional for students playing rugby for enrichment (after-school clubs).

OTHER UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Jewellery - students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of studs only - no other jewellery, including any other facial or body piercings, may be worn to school. Jewellery, of any sort, must not be worn whilst taking part in PE or Dance.

Shirts must always be tucked neatly into trousers, skirts or shorts.

Outdoor coats: We suggest that coats should have some reflective properties for safety so that students are visible in poor or dark weather conditions. Denim coats/jackets are not permitted. Plain scarves may be worn to and from school. Outdoor coats and scarves should not be worn within the school building. Hoodies are absolutely forbidden, apart from the Leavers' hoodies which are a special Year 11 privilege. All hoodies will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Make-up – coloured nail varnish and heavy make-up are not permitted.

Hair - Hair dyed in unnatural colours is not permitted. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted.

Students will be required to modify any inappropriate dress immediately. Repeated refusal to respond positively to this will result in a sanction in line with the school's expectations set out in the Behaviour Policy. Where appropriate, non-uniform items will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day.