



HUNTERHOUSE COLLEGE

UNIFORM POLICY

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HUNTERHOUSE COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY 2022-23

Aims:

Our uniform is a fundamental aspect of our College identity and presents many advantages for our College community. Uniform is intended to reinforce a sense of pride, inclusion and belonging in our students, both in school and when representing the College in the wider community. Uniform also ensures that our students present a neat business-like appearance at all times and enables them to be appropriately dressed for school activities.

In order to enable our uniform to be as affordable as possible, we have divided items of uniform into compulsory and optional categories as follows:

COMPULSORY UNIFORM

- Blazer
- **Knee-length** Skirt (may be worn with an optional red or striped belt). Skirts should not be shortened or rolled up
- Jumper or cardigan (available in Courtelle or Wool)
- Long-sleeved shirt (must be worn with a tie)
- Tie (blue for Y8-12, red for students in Sixth Form)
- College socks or tights
- PE Shirt
- PE Skort
- Hockey Socks
- Half-zip red fleece (see website for purchase details), smock top or red hoodie. These items can be worn with full school uniform in the colder months. Other puffa coats and hoodies are not permitted
- 1 pair of trainers (not plimsoll, converse style or platform)

For their own protection, it is strongly recommended that students purchase and wear shin guards and a mouth guard during hockey activities as advised by the Hockey Federation

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL UNIFORM

- College Scarf
- Short sleeved open-necked shirt
- PE Tracksuit Bottoms (highly recommended)
- PE Leggings: plain Kukri Navy sports leggings (not French Navy) which are available to purchase through our school uniform stockists (or directly from Kukri) or the outgoing Saxe Blue PE leggings, also available from our school uniform stockists
- PE Compression Top
- Red Hunterhouse Puffa Jacket (see website for purchase details)
- Hockey Stick
- Tennis Racquet

HIJABS & LONGER-LENGTH SKIRTS

Students who wish to wear hijabs and/or longer-length skirts as part of their religion are welcome to do so, in consultation with the Senior Manager for their Key Stage. Longer-length skirts may be available through Warnocks Ltd or McCalls of Lisburn. Hijabs should be plain (not patterned or decorated with beads etc) and a shade of blue or red as close to the College uniform shades of Saxe blue or Hunting pink as possible. Please contact the College if you require any further information.

GENDER ORIENTATION

Adjustments to uniform for students who are questioning their gender orientation will be made as and when necessary as part of a wider support package for individual students, in line with the Student Progress Policy, and in consultation with the student, parents/carers, the Senior Manager for the Key Stage and external agencies as appropriate.

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Adjustments can be arranged as and when necessary for students with physical disabilities as part of a wider support package, in consultation with the student, parents/carers, and the Head of Individual Needs and when in receipt of appropriate medical evidence.

SHOES

For students in Y8-12, shoes must be:

- Plain; black; leather, leather-look or patent; flat-heeled; with laces or non-elastic straps which hold the shoe firmly onto the foot
- suitable for cold and wet weather

For students in Sixth Form, shoes must be:

- plain; black; leather, leather-look or patent; medium-heeled (max height 2 cm) shoe with laces, straps with a plain buckle or 'Velcro' fastenings which hold the shoe firmly onto the foot
- suitable for cold and wet weather

The following types of shoes are **not permitted** in any year group:

- black coloured trainers
- canvas shoes
- ballet style pumps
- shoes with coloured/decorative stitching, branding or logos
- high heels, kitten heels, platform soles, court shoes, wedges or suede shoes

All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

JEWELLERY/HAIR/NAILS

The following items of jewellery are allowed to be worn:

- A watch
- One pair of ear studs (small, plain, one in each ear and worn in the ear lobe ONLY)
- One plain band/signet ring
- A Medic-Alert bracelet if required

No other jewellery is allowed to be worn, including jewellery used to decorate hair styles. **This includes piercings to any other part of the body other than the ear lobes.** Exceptions to this, such as for specific piercings to relieve migraine pain, will require a letter from the GP to evidence this and will be agreed in consultation with the Senior Manager for the relevant Key Stage.

Acrylic nails and/or nail varnish are not permitted.

Hair colours should be natural shades only. Hair colours which are not natural and/or extreme hair styles (including shaving and undercuts) are not permitted, nor is the use of two or more contrasting hair colours, for example, black/dark brown hair with the bottom part coloured white/blond. The wearing of 'hair jewellery' is not permitted.

Please note that sanctions will be given to students who are in breach of the uniform policy in line with the College's Positive Behaviour Policy. This will include confiscation of non-uniform items which will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Uniform Suppliers:

- McCalls of Lisburn, 20-24 Market Street, Lisburn, BT28 1AB. Phone: 02892 675111. www.mccallsoflisburn.com
- Warnocks Ltd, 791-793 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7GX. Phone: 02890 381828. www.warnocks.co.uk
- Chaplins Sportswear & Schoolwear, Unit 36, Park Centre, Belfast, BT12 6HN. Phone: 02890 312711. www.thesportscompanybelfast.com