



WOLVERHAMPTON School Uniform List – Sixth Form

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Please note that staff reserve the right to challenge and sanction students, in accordance with School policy, whose attire is considered to contravene the descriptions listed below.

<p>Suit (Jackets/ Trousers, Skirts, Dresses)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suits should look smart and professional: suits may be plain or other patterns (including but not limited to pinstriped, checked, dogstooth or plaid). Colours other than black e.g. blue, grey etc. are permissible, provided that the overall effect of both colour and pattern is unobtrusive. A suit jacket or blazer is compulsory for all students. It may be removed in class or when in the Sixth Form spaces, but MUST be worn moving around School site, to all assemblies, and on other occasions as requested by WGS staff. Suits that consist of trousers, a skirt, or a 'business-style' dress are all acceptable and the suit jacket and bottom half do not have to match. Trousers should not be skin-tight, e.g. leggings/"jeggings" and not denim. If a skirt or dress is worn, it must be worn with dark tights – see 'Tights' below for more detail. Skirts and dresses should be long enough to be reasonably said to constitute a professional and business-like image. This is largely left at parents' and students' discretion, but staff reserve the right to request that a skirt or dress NOT be worn for school if they consider it to be too short/decorative to reasonably constitute professional business attire. Leather or 'leather-look/effect' trousers/skirts/dresses are not acceptable. Waistcoats of any colour/pattern may be worn, provided that they are relatively subtle and do not detract from a professional image.
<p>Shirt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collared short or long-sleeved shirt. Whilst white is preferable, other colours/subtle patterns are permissible, provided that they do not detract from a student's professional image. Shirts may have very small branding/insignia e.g. a logo to the breast, providing it is unobtrusive. All shirts must be worn tucked in and with the top button fastened.
<p>Sixth Form Tie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolverhampton Grammar School House ties – issued by the School. The tie should be worn at a reasonable length, with a standard knot. Loosened ties, or those tied to have an extra-large knot or excessively shortened length are not acceptable.
<p>Jumper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jumpers (or cardigans) are optional, not compulsory. If worn, jumpers should be plain and of an unobtrusive colour. E.g. mid or navy blue are acceptable; a very bright turquoise shade would not be. When a jumper is worn, a students' tie must be FULLY AND CLEARLY VISIBLE at all times, without needing to physically pull the collar down to display it. Jumpers may have very small branding/insignia e.g. a logo to the breast, providing it is unobtrusive. Oversize, 'baggy' jumpers or cardigans are not acceptable, nor are 'holey' or 'fishnet' designs. No hoodies are permitted.
<p>Socks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any colour/design is, in principle, acceptable, providing that they do not detract from a student's professional and smart image. Again, we ask for students' and parents' common sense and discretion on this. If socks are worn with a skirt/dress, they must be worn along with tights – see below.
<p>Tights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tights must be black, dark grey or navy and plain/ribbed – flesh colour tights are not permitted, and students' legs must not be bare. Patterned tights of any other kind are not permitted e.g. diamond pattern, fishnets, chequered, stripes of different colours etc.
<p>Shoes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All shoes must be black, or a similarly unobtrusive shade. They must be leather or imitation leather/leather 'look'. NO TRAINERS or canvas shoes; shoes must not have the appearance of trainers or sports shoes. Ankle boots/Chelsea-style boots are acceptable; Dr Martens are acceptable, provided they are cut no higher than the 'standard' 8 eyelet. Knee high boots are not acceptable. Shoes with a high heel are acceptable, providing it is not a stiletto point (as these can damage floors and present a health and safety risk). If shoes with any type of heel are worn, students must be able to stand/walk comfortably in them.



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Belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any belt worn must be unobtrusive with a plain/subtle buckle – belts with large or obtrusive clothing branding/designer names/ logos on the buckle are not permitted.
Personal Appearance e.g. hair, jewellery, nails and make-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Sixth Form students are expected to present themselves in a way that is befitting of their prominent position in this School, that sets an aspirational example to younger students and that gives a professional impression of WGS to parents and visitors.</i>

Please note that any other needs relating to an individual student must be addressed in writing, along with any relevant supporting documentation, to the Head for consideration.

Supplementary Guidance – The Halo Code



The Halo Code

For Schools

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

- Head wraps and scarves should be simple and one block of colour.
- Where hair is dyed, only natural colours are permitted.



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Supplementary Guidance – The Sikh Kirpan

The Offensive Weapons Act creates the offence of having an article with a blade or point (or offensive weapon) on school premises. A person has a defence if the article in question is worn for religious reasons.

- There is no objection to the practice of wearing the five K's, including the Kirpan.
- Members of the school community – pupils, parents, staff and governors – should be aware of the significance of the five K's.
- Members of staff are informed of the school's policy and guidelines on the wearing of religious symbols including the Kirpan, where appropriate. This information should be included in the school's Employment Manual.

If you are an Amritdhari Sikh the school will allow the Kirpan to be worn, subject to the following conditions:

- that it is restricted to students/staff who have gone through the Amrit ceremony;
- that the Kirpan, is no more than 6 inches long including the handle, will be sheathed and restrained with a cord, to the satisfaction of the school, in such a way as to ensure that it will be incapable of withdrawal;
- that the sheathed Kirpan will be further enclosed in secured padding and securely sewn up;
- that the Kirpan will be worn under clothing and will not be visible, to provide the highest possible safety at all times;
- that, on no account, will the Kirpan be drawn while the young person/staff member is on school premises whilst on a school trip or on school transport or involved in other school activity;
- that the student, or the parents of the student if under 18 years of age, will be required to sign a declaration indicating that they are aware of the implications of the young person wearing the Kirpan in school and, in particular, during physical education activities, and that she/he waives any claims against the school, its servants or agents, and the Governors of the school;

If any of the above conditions have not been observed during the school day or whilst on a school activity, the Head of the school has the discretion to exclude the student from a particular activity if they believe that the student or others may be at risk of injury. In the event of serious or persistent breaches of the above conditions by a student, the Head may refuse permission for the student concerned to wear the Kirpan whilst at school or on any school activity.

In the interest of safety, it is required that Kirpans are not worn during sporting or other outdoor activities. This is still in accordance with the Sikh 'maryada' which states that the Kirpan should be worn on the person 'or as close as possible' at all times. If the Kirpan is removed for any sporting activities the Kirpan must be given to a member of staff for safe-keeping and collected after the activity is over. During this time the Kirpan must be kept in a box that respects it as an article of faith.