

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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School Dress Code - Years 7-11

The school believes that a dress code for the students in Years 7 to 11 is appropriate and will help promote a productive working environment. The dress code at St Benedict's is something that we take pride in. With high expectations for student uniform we hope to:

- Encourage pride in the school.
- Create a sense of belonging and community.
- Enable students to feel safe and secure.
- Promote equity and reduce bullying through peer pressure to conform to fashion trends.

Uniform for students in Years 7- 11 inclusively

- Plain white shirt (short sleeve in the summer if preferred)
- School tie - traditional or clip-on
- Blazer with a St Benedict's badge
- Navy school trousers (no leggings, jeggings, jeans, track suit bottoms, joggers – not overly tight material).
- Navy school skirt: A-line (no more than 5cm above the knee and not rolled). Belts on skirts are not allowed
- In addition, students may wish to wear an optional navy v neck jumper (plain acrylic/cotton/wool - no design or logo)
- Footwear should be flat and entirely black in appearance, Dr Martens with yellow stitching are allowed (no boots/sandals)
- Black/navy tights or navy/white knee socks only
- Dark blue/black belt (optional item). If students choose to wear a belt with trousers, the belt should be a thin / narrow belt, no wider than 4cms, be plain in appearance with an unadorned buckle
- Suitable coat or jacket (no pull-on hoodies are allowed)

There should be no variation to this uniform, and coats should not be worn unless it is outside during social time at lunch time or break time.

PE Kit

- Compulsory school T-shirt
- Compulsory school shorts
- Compulsory red socks
- Compulsory trainers
- Optional Navy Hoodie or three-quarter zip top (can be plain navy or school branded)
- Optional school branded leggings or tracksuit bottoms (can be plain navy sports leggings or jogging bottoms)

Standards of dress

- Top buttons should be done up
- Shirts should be tucked into trousers or skirts
- Blazers should be worn at all times including registration, breaks and dinner, but may, in hot weather, be removed at the discretion of the class teacher
- Students should leave school at the end of the school day in full school uniform and be tidy in appearance as they are ambassadors for our school in the local community

Make-up

- Subtle (at the discretion of the Head of Year)

Nails

- Acrylic/long nails are unacceptable

Jewellery

The only jewellery allowed is:

- One watch
- One small stud in each ear. For clarity: girls and boys with pierced ears should, for reasons of safety, wear stud earrings, and only one in each ear. **Clear retainer nose studs are permitted.** No other piercings whatsoever. Ideally new piercings should be done at the start of the summer holiday. In exceptional circumstances piercings should be covered with a plaster.

Hair

Extreme hairstyles and colours are not permitted as follows:

- No extreme haircuts
- No cuts shorter than a grade 1
- Subtle coloured hair, e.g. natural colours only
- No dipped dyed hair
- No extreme tramlines, razor cuts or patterns

This is not an exclusive list

Hair Bands

- These should be plain and without additions, i.e. no flowers, no bright colours.

Hats and scarves

- Hats and scarves can be worn to and from school in bad weather, but should be removed when indoors
- If religious headwear such as hijabs and headscarves are required to be worn, these should be plain and navy blue in colour

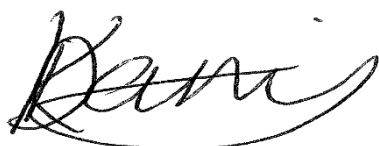
Infringements of the dress code:

- Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress code or other aspects of uniform with the Head of Year
- Any requests to modify uniform for specific needs such as medical reasons will be considered carefully
- It is the responsibility of parents and Form Tutors to monitor the dress code in the first instance as follows:
 1. In the first instance, the Form Tutor will deal with any minor infringement and the Form Tutor should contact home
 2. If correct uniform is still not being worn, the student **may be required** to spend the day internally isolated
 3. Subsequently, the Form Tutor will refer the student to the Head of Year, who will call parents to agree a solution
 4. If this is unsuccessful, the appropriate member of the Senior Team will, if necessary, send the student home to change.

In addition:

- Students who are not appropriately dressed will be asked to wait until the end of the dinner break before being allowed into the canteen for lunch
- The Headteacher will have the final decision on all matters relating to school uniform

Issued on behalf of the Governing Body by:-



Chair of Governors

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