



Denefield School uniform and Sixth Form dress code

Denefield School has its own distinctive uniform. There are good reasons for this. The most important is that our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and uniform helps us create a sense of our school as a community. Moreover, smart appearance is very important for student's self esteem and this will inevitably have an impact on their behaviour and the quality of their learning. Some of our students, understandably, like to show they can keep up with the latest trends in teenage fashions. This puts other students, and their parents who have limited resources, under unnecessary pressure. A school uniform removes these distractions and allows students to concentrate on their learning. We ask parents to resist reacting to each change of fashion where school uniform and hairstyles are concerned. Often what is fashionable is unsuitable for wearing at school. We have kept our uniform as simple as we can with the maximum number of standard items easily obtainable at reasonable prices through our uniform suppliers, Price & Buckland or Jacksons in Reading town centre.

All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly named.

Designer logos and fashion items are not acceptable.

Students also need a bag that is big enough to take text books, exercise books and folders up to A4 size.

Jumper

V-neck, long sleeved or sleeveless, black with electric blue trim and school logo.

Cardigan

Long sleeved, black with electric blue trim and school logo.

Jumpers or cardigans other than the uniform versions must not be brought to school.

Polo shirt

White with electric blue trim and school logo.

Trousers

Plain black, ankle length, suitable for business wear.

Jeans, flares, tight trousers or leggings are not allowed.

Skirt

Plain black, not tight or split, no more than 8cm above or below the knee.

Socks/tights

Socks must be black or white, tights must be black or natural.

Socks and tights may not be worn together.

Shoes

Plain black. Heels should be of a sensible height to ensure safety when moving around the school. Doctors have recommended no more than 4cm.

Boots are not acceptable. Trainers are not part of normal uniform and may only be worn during PE lessons.

Outdoor coats

An outdoor coat in a plain, medium to dark colour would be most appropriate. Leather/designer coats are a security risk for which the school cannot be held responsible. **'Hoodies' and denim jackets are not acceptable as an alternative to a coat.**

PE kit

For reasons of safety and hygiene, students must wear appropriate kit for the activity they are undertaking.

**Boys:**

Reversible black/electric blue sports shirt with school logo
Black/electric blue polo shirt with school logo
Black shorts
Black sports trousers with electric blue piping (optional)
Black football/rugby socks
Football/rugby boots
Trainers

Girls:

Reversible black/electric blue sports shirt with school logo
Black/electric blue polo shirt with school logo
Black shorts or 'skort'
Black sports trousers with electric blue piping (optional)
Black football/hockey socks
Football boots
Trainers

Jewellery

Nothing of any great value should be worn as the school cannot take responsibility for its loss. Items should be discreet and students should not wear anything that could be a danger in lessons such as PE, science or technology. Students may wear one necklace, one bracelet, one ring, one pair of ear studs maximum.

No facial jewellery, other than studs in ears, may be worn.

Make-up

Girls may wear a discreet amount of make-up, but this should not be obvious.

Nail varnish should not be coloured.

Hairstyles

Parents are asked to help us maintain the right atmosphere in school by encouraging hairstyles that are appropriate for a place of work.

Extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable.

Non-compliance

The wearing of correct uniform is compulsory and students who do not comply with our expectations will not be allowed to participate in lessons. Students, at the discretion of the Headteacher, will be sent home to change. A student arriving in school in incorrect uniform, for whatever reason, will be given a detention and parents will be contacted to address ongoing issues.

Sixth Form

In recognition of their greater maturity and more senior status within the school, Sixth Form students are not required to wear uniform. They are, however, expected to wear formal dress suitable for the workplace and not wear items of clothing or jewellery which may cause offence to other members of the school community. It is hoped that Sixth Form students will be sensible and self regulating in the choice of clothing that they wear to school. However, if dress is considered inappropriate then the student will be asked to go home to change into more appropriate clothing. Hair and make-up should also contribute to a smart appearance for the workplace.

Sixth Form students may not wear facial jewellery, other than ear studs or earrings.

We value your continued support in ensuring that students are correctly dressed for school. **If you are ever in doubt about any item, please contact the school first.**

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