



## Denefield School Uniform

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 students' 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 from many retail and mail order outlets. School branded items are obtainable online from our uniform suppliers, Price & Buckland, and at on-site sales events.

***All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly named.***

***Designer logos and fashion items are not acceptable.***

***For health reasons, students also need a comfortable rucksack with wide shoulder straps to carry their books and folders. This should, preferably, be plain black, dark grey or navy blue. No other type of school bag is permitted.***

### **Jumper**

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

### **Polo shirt**

White with electric blue trim and school logo.

### **Trousers**

Plain black, full length to cover ankles, suitable for business wear.

***Jeans, flares, tight trousers or leggings are not allowed:*** see the school website for acceptable examples.

### **Skirt**

Denefield tartan skirt, ***no more than 8cm above or below the knee:*** this is the only acceptable school skirt.

### **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 with minimal decoration, firm-soled, water resistant and polishable. Heels should be of a sensible height to ensure safety when moving around the school. Doctors have recommended no more than 4cm.

***Boots, including ankle boots (eg Kicker boots or any other brand), are not allowed. Trainers, trainer-like shoes, pumps and other casual footwear are also not acceptable uniform.***

### **Outdoor coats**

An outdoor coat in a plain, medium to dark colour would be most appropriate. ***'Hoodies', denim, leather or fur jackets are not acceptable as an alternative to a coat and must not be worn to school.***



### 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 football/rugby socks  
 White sports socks  
 Football/rugby boots  
 Trainers  
 Gum shield  
 Shin pads

#### Girls:

Reversible black/electric blue sports shirt with school logo  
 Black/electric blue polo shirt with school logo  
 Black shorts or skirt  
 Black football/hockey socks  
 White sports socks  
 Football boots  
 Trainers  
 Gum shield  
 Shin pads

### 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 D&T. Students may wear one necklace, one bracelet, one ring, **one stud in each earlobe maximum. No facial jewellery, other than studs in ears, may be worn. All jewellery must be removed for PE.**

### Make-up

Girls may wear a discreet amount of make-up, but this should not be obvious. **Nail varnish should not be coloured.** Acrylic and gel nails are not allowed.

### Hairstyles

Parents/carers 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 at Denefield School and students who do not comply with the expectations will not be allowed their social time, and on occasion, to participate in lessons.

***If you are ever in doubt about any item, please contact the school first.***

### 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 should not wear items of clothing or jewellery which may cause offence to other members of the school community. Footwear should comply with the Sixth Form Dress code, details of which can be found on our website. 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 school environment and adhere to the Sixth Form Dress code. Sixth Form students may not wear facial jewellery, other than ear studs or earrings.