

Westfield Arts College

School Uniform Policy

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WESTFIELD ARTS COLLEGE

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

At Westfield we want our pupils to be proud of their school and to be keen to represent us looking their best. This includes wearing the school uniform and taking pride in their appearance.

We believe school uniform should be comfortable, practical and affordable.

We encourage pupils to be dressed in clothes which are appropriate for the activity in which they are involved. Pupils have a right to wear clothing which is in accordance with their religious beliefs providing health and safety, security or learning are not compromised.

Our uniform

- White shirt (with a collar) or white / jade polo shirt
- Black, trousers (no jeans or tracksuit trousers)
- Black, dark grey or navy blue skirt , culottes or long tailored shorts
- Blue gingham dress (optional)
- A Westfield or plain navy blue sweatshirt or long sleeve jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes or trainers
- Plain navy blue / grey / black / white socks or tights
- Year 10 and 11 only- Westfield or plain navy/black hoodie or Jubilee Challenge hoodie

We strongly advise parents/carers to label all items of school uniform

PE/Swimming/Outdoor Education

All pupils are encouraged to wear the appropriate clothing for the activities they are participating in. Pupils should wear their PE kit on the days they have PE/games. They may bring a change of clothes if they wish.

We do keep a stock of sports clothes and towels for pupils who forget to bring their kit with them to school but pupils should not be encouraged to rely on this.

PE/Games kit

- sports shorts or tracksuit trousers
- trainers (not black soles)
- tee-shirt or sports shirt
- In cold weather children may wish to wear a tracksuit for outside activities.
- Older students- Change of socks and underwear and toiletries

- When pupils are chosen to represent the school for a particular event, the school will provide the necessary team kit.

Swimming Kit

- Swimming costume
- Swimming hat (optional)
- Towel
- Body wash and shampoo for shower (optional, encouraged for older students)

Outdoor Education

When pupils have a block of sessions in Outdoor Education they are expected to bring a full change of clothes as the activities take place regardless of the weather. Pupils change into school uniform when they are back in school. Letters are sent out to indicate when the sessions will be.

Pupils will especially need:

- Clothes which can get dirty e.g. tracksuit bottoms, T shirt, sweatshirt, socks. These need to be warm for the winter months.
- A waterproof coat.
- Change of footwear-trainers, walking shoes or wellies depending on the activity.
- Occasionally pupils will need swimming kit for water based activities.

Jewellery

- Only stud earrings are acceptable at school. Pupils are discouraged from wearing any other jewellery such as necklaces, rings and bracelets. Body piercings are not acceptable in school.
- For health and safety reasons earrings must be removed for PE and Games.

Make-up

- Wearing make-up is discouraged. If pupils are attending personal care or make-up sessions they may leave the make-up on for the rest of the day.
- For health and safety reasons, nail varnish should not be worn. If pupils are attending personal care/nail painting sessions they may leave the nail varnish on for the rest of the day. If pupils have nail varnish on they will be asked to remove it before cooking or carrying out activities in the science laboratory.

Where to buy uniform

Our uniform with a school logo is available to buy online via the school website. We currently use

‘Price and Buckland’ as our suppliers <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/westfieldarts>

Other suitable clothing is also available from high street shops and supermarkets.

The school welcomes donations of second hand uniform. This is available for to buy at the Christmas and Summer Fayres and at Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings. Parents/carers can also contact the Pupil and Parent Support Workers or school office with any questions about uniform.

Sixth Form students

Sixth Form students are not expected to wear a uniform but are expected to:

- Take pride in their appearance;
- Be clean and tidy
- Be dressed in clothes which are appropriate for a school setting and for the activities in which they are involved e.g. outdoor learning, work experience etc.

If any pupil arrives at school in inappropriate/unsuitable clothing, parents/carers will be called to arrange for more suitable clothes to be brought to school.