



# Chertsey High School

## Uniform and Appearance Policy 2023-2024

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## Introduction

At Chertsey High School, we believe that wearing a school uniform appropriately achieves three important goals:

1. It encourages a sense of community identity and pride. By wearing the same badge and the same clothing, pupils are encouraged to think of the needs of the community as well as their own
2. It encourages our pupils to develop habits for life. By learning to polish their shoes, fold trousers or hang up their blazers, pupils learn the habits of self-discipline and personal responsibility that will stay with them.
3. It prevents unkindness or bullying while keeping costs down. By requiring all our pupils to wear the same low-cost uniform, we reduce the incentive for pupils to ask parents for the latest (and most expensive) items of fashion. As a result, costs are kept as low as possible and no child can be seen to be poorer or wealthier than any other.

For our uniform policy to be successful, it must be implemented universally. Our parents understand this and so support us at home to uphold the school's high standards. The key words are smartness, uniformity and general appropriateness; extremes should be avoided. The meaning of extreme is open to interpretation and parents' support of the school's judgement on this is greatly appreciated.

We understand that, for some families, finances are tight. We believe that, by doing all we can to keep items of fashion out of school, we help families to keep costs down. Nevertheless, if you do have an individual problem, or you are unsure about an item of clothing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year who will deal with your enquiry in the strictest confidence.

## Expectations

We expect that all parents and carers will:

- Provide their children with the full range of CHS uniform items, including coats, bags and PE kit
- Label all items clearly and permanently with their child's name
- Replace all lost, outgrown or outworn items as necessary
- Encourage children to keep items of uniform looking as smart as possible for as long as possible, including washing and ironing, basic mending, folding and hanging clean clothes and polishing shoes
- Ensure appropriate levels of hygiene

We expect that all students will:



- Take full responsibility for their appearance
- Wear full uniform correctly at all times on the school site, offsite when representing the school and to and from school
- Keep hair tied back once it has reached shoulder length
- Keep nails short and unpainted
- Wear no make-up other than foundation (so that it cannot be seen)
- Keep jewellery to one small stud earring per ear
- Accept all sanctions if any of the above criteria are not met. This may include loss of social time, isolation or even (in extreme cases) suspension

## Uniform

Note: We only allow skirts, trousers, jumpers, blazers and ties that are purchased through our supplier. Items marked with an asterisk\* are only available from [School Uniform Direct](#), which has branches in West Byfleet (01932 354409) and Staines (01784 454517).

### Compulsory Uniform

- Grey blazer with school badge\*
- Grey jumper with purple trim\*
- School tie\*
- Plain white school shirt, long/short sleeves
- Plain long black trousers, with black or grey socks OR
- Grey and purple tartan skirt\* with plain white ankle socks or grey or black opaque tights
- Sensible plain black flat shoes
- Plain black smart overcoat
- Plain black school backpack

### Optional Uniform

- Plain black scarf
- Plain black woollen hat
- Plain black gloves
- Plain black hair accessories

### Compulsory PE Kit

- Black/Purple polo shirt\*
- Zip top with logo\*
- Plain black shorts or skorts
- Black and purple football socks\*
- Gum shield & shin pads
- Football boots with moulded studs for 3Gpitch



- Suitable trainers – plain, non-branded (please see below for guidance)

## Optional PE Kit

- Rain jacket with school logo\*
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Black base layer
- PE Bag – black/plain

## Uniform outside school

Pupils should either be in their school uniform because they are on their way to and from school or their own clothes. There should be no mix and match. Pupils are told that, if they wish to wear their home clothes after school, they must return home and change completely. Those pupils who are going to after-school activities or clubs that are off-site are permitted to have clothes to change into in their bags. However, in these cases, the parents of the child must inform the school via letter or email.

## Advice and guidance

The following sections give sensible guidance to interpretation of school rules. The list is not exhaustive and the final decision as to what is appropriate lies with the school. **Should there be any questions as to what acceptable school uniform is please contact the school to check before purchase.**

### Shoes

School shoes should be black, flat and logo-free. The style should be traditional, avoiding the appearance of a trainer.



Some specific styles that are not permitted:

- Styles that appear to be more like sports trainers than shoes
- Boots or ankle boots
- Styles that have more than one Velcro fastener
- Styles with obvious logos or branding
- Elaborate buckles or decorations or patterns



## Sports Shoes

Type	Example picture	Regulations
Astro trainers		Can be used on all surfaces
Moulded stud boots		Only to be used in competitive matches or in PE lesson on 3G that are not football
Flat-soled trainers		Only to be used on MUGA or indoors
Bladed boots		Not suitable for any PE surfaces except football or rugby matches played on grass
Metal studded boots		Not suitable for any PE surfaces except football or rugby matches played on grass

## Hair

Pupils' hair must be conventional and understated in style and colour. Any hair clips or hair bands must be subtle and black in colour. Some specific styles that are not permitted:

- 'Skin fades' where the pupil's hair is cut below a Number 1 on the sides.
- Gelled edges where the intention is to decorate the head
- Patterns shaved into a pupil's hair or eyebrows, including an artificial parting.
- High or flamboyant hair styles, such as a 'Mohican'
- Any unnatural colours
- Styles that block the view of others in any way.
- Styles that hide the face



- Facial hair

Pupils whose haircut is not deemed by the School to be an acceptable style may be placed in isolation the haircut is changed or has grown out. Pupils whose hair needs to 'grow out' must remain in isolation until the hair is an acceptable length. Pupils are not permitted to spend this time at home.

### Headscarves

Some of our students may choose to wear headscarves. If so, these headscarves must be look conventional and understated in style. The following rules apply:

- Headscarves must be black
- Pins or clips must be small, dark in colour and understated
- There can be no decorations such as sequins or patterns
- Material must not be too long at the front or the back so as to obscure the uniform or look untidy
- At the front, headscarves material must not go below the V-neck of a jumper or equivalent
- They must completely cover the hair

Any pupil whose headscarf is not deemed by the school to be of an acceptable style will be given an opportunity to tidy the headscarf in private without consequence. However, if the headscarf persistently remains of an unacceptable style, the pupil's parents will be called, and further consequences may follow.

### Belts

Chertsey High School trousers come with a belt included. This belt is a perfect example of an acceptable Chertsey High School belt and we highly recommend that pupils stick with this supplied option. If a pupil wears a different kind of belt, they must be in line with our policy. Belts must:

- Be black
- Be leather (or leather effect)
- Have a small, professional buckle
- Have no obvious branding



Belts that are unacceptable will be confiscated and returned at the end of the half-term in line with our confiscation policy.



## Make-up

The only acceptable use of make-up is a sparing use of foundation or equivalent. This rules out all eye make-up, blusher, fake tan, nail colour and false nails. It also rules out the application of henna. Perfume and aftershave are not allowed. Deodorant or body sprays should ideally be unperfumed and used sparingly.

## Jewellery

### Permitted accessories

- Wristwatch – plain and understated. Oversized fashion watches, watches in bright colours and watches worn as jewellery are not acceptable
- One small metal, diamond or pearl effect stud in earlobe only. The photos below give you a size guide



Any other jewellery – bracelets, rings, necklaces, chains or inappropriate earrings – will be confiscated and returned in line with our confiscation policy.

## Glasses

Glasses worn by pupils in school should be black or navy and without patterns, logos or embellishments. Sunglasses are not permitted unless there is an evidenced medical need.