

UNIFORM GUIDE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

THE CORE UNIFORM

Our students are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all areas of school life, including appearance. An excellent standard of uniform supports excellent behaviour, equality amongst young people and reflects the pride that our students have in being part of the school community.

Correct uniform must be worn at all times. If a student wears incorrect pieces of uniform, or wears an item inappropriately, appropriate sanctions will be put in place, and parents / carers will be contacted.

We are using local uniform stockist due to feedback from parents. The full uniform list and details of the official school uniform supplier can be downloaded from our website.

www.kings.patrust.org.uk/uniform



Coats and Outdoor Jackets

If the weather requires an additional layer to be worn over their uniform, students should wear a suitable 'outside' coat or jacket. This must be worn over the blazer.

- Outdoor coats must not be worn indoors.
- Hoodies and denim jackets are not allowed in school.

Jewellery, hair and make-up

Students should be well-groomed at all times. Hair should be of natural colour. Extreme hairstyles including shaved heads, skin fade haircuts, haircuts which are shaven on a number 1 or less and unnatural colours are not permitted.

- Subtle make-up is permitted this should be subdued and natural. If staff feel it is excessive then students will be asked to remove it.
- Students may wear a wristwatch and one plain silver or gold stud can be worn in the lobe of each ear. No other piercings are allowed, and must be removed. They must not be left in and covered with plasters.
- Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed, and students will be required to remove these immediately using products supplied by the school.

Make the right footwear choices

Parents / carers should be aware that only plain black shoes are permitted in the school - there must be no white/coloured labels, logos, markings, or studs. Shoes must be leather or leather look. Please note that suede footwear is not allowed. A general guide is to ask if the shoe would be considered appropriate for a professional office environment and would be worn with a suit.

Footwear must be sensible. Pumps, high heels, trainers, sandals or boots of any kind are not allowed; the images below provide some examples. If you are unsure, please contact the school to clarify before making a purchase. This is not an exhaustive list and is designed to provide a guide. Please note that students wearing shoes that do not meet the Uniform Policy will be loaned a pair for the day and parents / carers will be contacted.



Important changes

Over the course of the year we have had many queries around skirts and issues have been raised by parents around the challenges of purchasing the correct one. In order to address this we have taken the decision to implement a logoed skirt which will be mandatory from September 2019. This will be available from our local suppliers in variety of lengths to ensure consistency.

Due to feedback from mainly girls we have also introduced a fleece in PE instead of a rugby shirt which we believe will be practical and favoured more by the girls than the rugby shirts they currently wear. Can we also remind parents that students will be required to have all new logoed items this September after the year's grace we provided last year.

Please note students who do not attend in an appropriate skirt will be loaned one for the day from school stocks and parents / carers will be contacted.

UNIFORM CHECKLIST

ITEM PHOTO

Blazer*

Navy Blue with school logo.

Shirt

White with a pointed collar and no logo. The shirt may have long or short sleeves.





Trousers

Black tailored formal style, these should not be skinny leg, stretchy, patterned, decorated, jeans, flares, bootlegged, tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

Trousers should not have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts.

Skirt

Black tailored knee length with school identification.

The school's official uniform supplier retails a skirt that meets these requirements.





Legwear

Black Opaque. Tights (40+denier). Black Socks.

Ties*

Clip on Blue, Red and White Stripe.

Sweater* (optional) V Neck Navy.





PE KIT

Shorts*

Navy Microtech shorts with school logo.

Skort* - optional Navy with school logo.



Reversible Rugby Top*

Maroon / Navy with the school

Fleece*(optional):

Navy with white piping with school logo.

Polo Shirt*

Maroon with the school logo.







Socks*

Navy.

Footwear

Indoor Trainers not pumps Football boots, Rugby boots, Hockey Boots.







A complete focus on learning

Our approach to electronic devices, including mobile phones, smart phones, MP3 devices and other similar devices is simple - they are not to be seen, heard or used at any point during the school day (including lunch and break).

Students will be fully focused on their learning, and enjoying the varied experiences the school offers. We recognise the use of these devices when a student is travelling to and from the school, but if a student chooses to bring a device into the school it is their responsibility and at their own risk.

Parents/carers and students should be aware of the followina:

- If a student is seen using any device during the school day, it will be confiscated immediately.
- The first time it is confiscated, a student will be permitted to collect it at the end of the school day from Student Services.
- In cases of subsequent instances, parents / carers will be informed and will be required to pick up the device from Student Services at their convenience, this is staffed from 8.30am until 4.00pm.

Parents / carers are encouraged to discuss this approach with their son/daughter. Our Student Services desk provides a way for students to contact home in an urgent situation, where necessary.

Parents / carers can also contact students in an emergency via Student Services who will ensure that any important messages to students are relayed, giving you confidence that emergency messages will reach your son/daughter.

Using a mobile device inside the school is a behaviour issue, and as well as the device being confiscated a sanction will be given.

Students who meet our high expectations are well rewarded.

Official Uniform Supplier

Signature Retail

13 Ropergate Pontefract WF8 1LL Website: www.signatureretail.co.uk Email: signatureschoolwear@gmail.com

Better & Bright Ltd

Unit 14/15 Market Hall Market Place Pontefract WF8 1AU Email: Info@betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk

Further information

We believe that an excellent standard of uniform lays the foundations for an exceptional experience during a student's time with us. It helps them prepare for the high expectations both employers and universities will have of our young people in the future.

We work hard to ensure that students know and understand how simple it is to meet our uniform requirements, and the consequences of failing to do so. All Pontefract Academies Trust students form part of the same community and the school uniform lays the basis for success in all aspects of life here.

Pre-Owned Uniform

We know that school can be expensive, most considerably when purchasing uniform items, and as such we are able to offer a pre-owned uniform service to our families. By making pre-owned uniforms available, not only can we help to support our families but we can also help towards achieving net zero carbon emissions. In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tonnes of clothes end up in landfill every year, and encouraging families to use pre-owned uniforms can reduce waste and bring down emissions from manufacturing new garments, while making it cost-effective for our families.

Our pre-owned uniform shop is open for parents/carers during term time. Please note visits are by appointment only, please contact the school to arrange a visit. Pre-owned uniforms will be free to our families who are most in need. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee there will be uniforms to fit your child as it is solely dependent on donations.

