



Uniform Policy

Wey Valley Academy

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Uniform Policy

School uniform gives students a sense of community and helps to instil pride in the school. It contributes to our ethos and sets an appropriate tone, supporting positive behaviour and discipline.

A uniform supports students in learning how to dress appropriately to the context in which they work. Our uniform has been developed in consultation with students, parents, coaches, governors, and the local community.

Aims

The Wey Valley Academy uniform policy is based on the notion that the school uniform should:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school and the collective identity of the student body.
- Ensure students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

Communication with Parents

This policy is available on the school website. Prospective parents are sent clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child.

Equal Opportunities

We will seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect the requirements of different religious faiths with regards to acceptable variations of the school uniform. We are sensitive to and demonstrate a respect for the needs of different cultures, races, and religions.

No free-flowing hijabs / headscarves are allowed. Students wearing hijabs / headscarves should ensure they follow the uniform colour of black. These should be no longer than shoulder length and tight fitting for health and safety purposes.

No Durags permitted within school as these are deemed for the purpose of hair protection only.

Health and Safety

Any religious variations to our uniform must still comply with our Health and Safety requirements.

To promote a healthy lifestyle, our uniform does not preclude walking or cycling to school. Students are permitted to wear light colours and reflective materials over their uniform, so

that students are as visible as possible when walking or cycling to school during the winter months.

Procedure in the event of non-compliance

Non-compliance with the uniform policy is dealt with directly case by case. We may impose sanctions for breach of the uniform policy. Persistent flouting of the uniform requirements will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter by the Tutor / Head of Year / Head of Specialism / Vice Principal (Inclusion).

We may confiscate clothing not complying with the uniform policy. Where items are confiscated more than once, the parent will be expected to collect.

Wey Valley Academy has the right to send a student home to change their clothes immediately should it be deemed necessary. In such cases, parents will be notified. Staff will always take into consideration the age and vulnerability of the child and availability of a parent. Suspension is not usually an appropriate response to breaches of this policy, however consistent persistence and defiance of the policy may lead to a fixed term suspension.

Marking of Property

All clothing and equipment should be clearly marked. This is particularly important for valuable items. The school accepts no responsibility for loss of uniform or personal belongings whilst on site or at a school event.

Uniform Description

School uniform must be worn by students whenever they are on site at Wey Valley Academy. This includes the journey to and from school and on school visits as required.

- Hair styles should be neat and simple, avoiding extremes of fashion. Natural hair colours only are permitted.
- A wristwatch may be worn.
- A single, plain gold or silver stud in each ear lobe due to health & safety when in training.
- No other jewellery is permitted except a discreet (silver or gold) religious symbol on a silver or gold chain. For health and safety reasons these must be removed prior to any practical activity. Nose piercings and other facial piercings are not allowed, including clear nose studs. Any prohibited item of jewellery worn to school will be confiscated for the rest of term, at which point parents will be able to pick it up from the office.
- No personal hoodies or other sporting tops / jackets are allowed. These will be confiscated if worn during school hours.
- Incorrect uniform for PE classes may result in you being excluded from that class.

- For students who do not identify as male or female, please select from either or a combination uniform item you will feel most comfortable in.
- Wear and tear will mean replacement of some items during term.

All students are required to have the following:

- Black Blazer with school badge
- Wey Valley Academy Tie
- Shirt/Blouse, traditional style with button collar
- Black trousers – no skintight leggings or denim
- Blue and black tartan skirt
- Plain black socks (no white markings, including brand names/emblems and white socks must not be worn underneath a pair of black socks)
- Optional plain black sweatshirt or v neck jumper
- Plain black leather or synthetic shoes – no boots or trainers
- Plain black bag/backpack

PE Kit

- Official School PE top
- Tracksuit pants/leggings – navy blue or black
- Sports socks
- Sports shorts – navy blue or black

Uniform is supplied by Price & Buckland online but sample uniform is available to try on at the school by appointment.