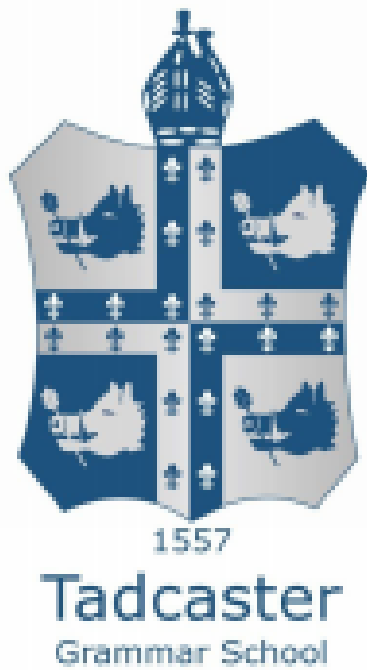


TADCASTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL



School Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy

School uniform is an important element of the school's vision and values. Therefore all students are expected to wear their uniform correctly and take an active pride in their appearance.

The school is a place of work and students' standards of uniform are expected to reflect the important nature of learning and appropriate health & safety considerations.

Students are expected to respect and comply with the school uniform policy and can expect to be sanctioned if they do not meet the agreed standards.

The School Uniform Policy supports us to:

1. Promote a sense of community and belonging to the school
2. Engender a sense of pride in, and loyalty to, the school
3. Enable students to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
4. Avoid discrimination and promote fairness and equality

The school uniform is also designed to be practical and hard-wearing.

All students should wear their uniform and conform to the policy when attending school, when representing school externally or when participating in an event organised by the school outside of school hours, unless permission is granted by the school to do otherwise.

All parents of students attending Tadcaster Grammar School are expected to support the school by ensuring that students conform to the policy.

All staff will support the Uniform Policy by promoting and maintaining high expectations with regard to uniform in lessons and around the school in general.

The School Uniform Policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects fairness, sensitivity and meets legislation.

Suppliers

Our current supplier is APC which is located at 6A Guardian Park Station Road Industrial Estate, Tadcaster. Please also note that if preferred, parents can order online from them by clicking the link [here](#).

The school is committed to ensuring best value for money with uniform items purchased through our supplier. In addition, we want to be able to offer families choice when purchasing school uniform. As a result of this, our new policy means that the only garments that are required to be bought from APC are the following:

Main School Uniform	PE Uniform
School blazer with school badge School tie	White polo shirt Rugby shirt School PE Hoodie

APC supplies other items of school clothing that may be convenient to buy at the time of purchasing other items of uniform. However, families are free to purchase these items from other outlets if they wish.

This policy is based upon Department for Education (DfE) expectations which [can be found here](#).

Main school (Year 7 – 11) Uniform		
1. Blue blazer with crest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conventional school style with school crest on breast pocket. ● To be worn at all times on the school site (buttoned or unbuttoned). ● The only removable badges allowed on the blazer are school-supplied badges. ● Students can take their blazers off inside a classroom at the discretion of the staff in charge. 	Compulsory
2. Plain grey trousers or pleated skirt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trousers must be plain straight-leg. No flare, drainpipe, skinny, cargo or other 'fashion' style. No 'leggings-style' 'trousers'. ● Trousers should be grey or dark grey only (not black). ● Trousers must be standard school trouser material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material. ● The bottom of the trouser legs should reach the top of the shoes. ● Navy, dark grey or black socks must be worn with trousers. ● Skirts must be dark grey, pleated. ● Skirts should not be rolled/folded over at the waist at any time. ● Skirts must be standard school skirt material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material. ● 'Pencil' or tube-like skirts should not be worn. ● A belt, if worn, should be black with a plain simple buckle. ● Students can wear either socks or tights when wearing a skirt. Both the socks and the tights must be either plain black, dark grey or navy. The socks should only be ankle height. 	Compulsory
3. Plain white shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-button, collared type, long or short sleeve, standard plain cotton or poly-cotton material - no thick linen or other non-standard material. ● Must be fully buttoned up to the neck and fully tucked into the waistband at all times. ● Since the top button must be fastened, neck size should be big enough to be comfortable. ● A school tie must be worn with the top button of the shirt fastened - the tail of the tie (under the knot) must show at least 5 diagonal BLUE stripes. ● From September 2023 onwards, school ties will be pre-tied, clip-on. 	Compulsory
4. Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shoes must be all black with no coloured additions. ● Must be clearly shoes <u>not</u> boots or trainers. ● Can be slip-on, 'velcro' straps or laced. ● Must have a full, sturdy upper; no open side/toes, no slippers or sandals. ● Sole to be as flat as possible; where a heel is worn should be no higher than 4cm. ● No logos (coloured or black) or embellishments. ● Ideally, leather shoes or leather substitute (e.g. vegan) are to be worn due to the potentially hazardous nature of the school building and activities conducted in some classrooms. ● Training shoes, or similar, are not permitted. 	Compulsory
5. School pullover (jumper)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A mid/dark grey, V-neck jumper is not compulsory, but is the only acceptable garment if an additional layer is required over a shirt and under a blazer. 	Optional

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School hoodies or other hoodies are not to be worn as a layer between the school shirt and the blazer, or instead of a blazer or V-neck jumper.. 	
6. Outdoor clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Baseball caps, or similar, are unacceptable once school has started. ● Hoodies (including school PE hoodies) should not be worn during the school day unless doing PE or other activities agreed by staff in advance. ● Hoods on coats should be taken down when inside any school building. ● No coats/outdoor clothing is to be worn in classrooms, unless under staff direction. 	Optional
7. Jewellery/ make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ideally no jewellery should be worn - school is not responsible for loss or damage, plus this can present a health & safety issue. ● A watch, single plain, flat ring (1 max) and a single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each ear lobe. No other items must be visible. ● Ideally no facial make-up; where this is worn, it should be very light and discreet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eye shadow is not permitted. ○ Light eye liner may be worn - grey/black only. ○ False eyelashes are not permitted. ● Bracelets in any form are not to be worn*. ● Necklaces should not be visible. ● Nose piercings should not be worn. If students do have this piercing, then it must be removed for the school day. ● Tongue piercings, facial jewellery or similar body piercings must not be worn. Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process. All piercings (other than ear piercing as stated above) must be removed and not simply covered up with plasters during school time. ● No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities. ● Clear nail varnish is permitted. Coloured nail varnish, nail art and false nails are not allowed. 	Compulsory
8. Hair styles and colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extreme hairstyles are prohibited; this may include full or partial shaving (including 'tram-lines' or other patterns). ● Hair should not be dyed (either permanent or semi-permanent) beyond colours close to natural hair colours (e.g. extreme bleaching and/or red, pink, blue or purple colours). ● The expectation is that long hair will be tied and secured away from the face, neck and shoulders when learning activities dictate e.g. sport and practical work in a science laboratory. ● Hair clips, hair bands and other hair-retaining devices should be plain black, dark grey or dark blue in colour and discreet. 	Compulsory
9. Summer uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See page 8. 	Optional

Electronic Devices

Our approach to students' use of mobile phones is as follows:

8.35 am school bell - start of school: phones turned off and put away in school bags

3.10 pm school bell - end of school: phone can be taken out of school bags and turned on

The only exception to the above is when a member of staff gives permission for a student, group of students, or the whole class to use mobile phones whilst under their supervision in a lesson in support of a learning task. No student will be at a learning disadvantage if they do not own a mobile phone.

Headphones, ear-buds or similar should not be worn at any time.

Additional

Chewing gum/bubble gum is not permitted in school at any time.

*Students may wish to wear an alternative or additional garment (e.g. headscarf) for faith reasons. Where this is the case, permission should be sought from the school in advance (from the relevant Year Leader). Parents are asked to communicate with the school which items they would like their child to wear and the reasons why. The school may refuse permission on health and safety grounds but where it is granted all such garment items must normally be plain black, dark blue or dark grey with no logos or patterns.

Rulings on uniform issues

The relevant Year Leader will act as arbiter if a decision concerning the appropriateness of any element of uniform is required.

Parents/carers who disagree with any ruling have the right to appeal to the Senior Leadership Team.

School PE Uniform

The School P.E. kit aims to be practical and smart, balancing the demands of physical exercise with personal comfort and confidence for the students. PE uniform requirements fall under the oversight of the PE Department and are subject to their assessment of the sports being participated in and the conditions prevalent at the time of year.

Branded compulsory items (white polo shirt and/or rugby shirt) can be purchased at APC uniform shop. In addition, the school PE hoodie can also be bought at APC as an optional item.

All other items can be either school branded (if bought before the policy update) or can be unbranded. Any unbranded items **must not have other logos on them** such as Nike, Adidas etc.).

School PE Uniform		
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No jewellery should be worn during physical education activities - health & safety focus. 	
White Polo Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conventional school style with school badge on breast of polo shirt. Either Rugby shirt or white polo shirt to be worn during PE. No other top is acceptable. 	Compulsory
Rugby Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conventional school style with school badge on breast of rugby shirt. Either Rugby shirt or white polo shirt to be worn during PE. No other top is acceptable. 	Compulsory
School PE Hoodie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue school PE hoodie with school badge on the breast of the hoodie. The school PE hoodie can be worn over either the Rugby shirt or white polo shirt. 	Optional
Shorts Tracksuit Bottoms Skort Leggings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students can wear any of the bottoms from the list on the left. Whichever they choose, they must be navy. No other bottoms or colours will be accepted. Tracksuit bottoms and leggings must be full length 	Compulsory
Trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainers must be suitable for physical activity. 	Compulsory
Shin Pads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shin pads are optional but highly recommended for some activities. 	Optional
Gum Shields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gum shields are optional but highly recommended for some activities. 	Optional
Football Boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football boots are a more ideal footwear for certain outdoor activities and ideally should be worn during these times. Details of when particular outdoor activities are being played throughout the year are available upon request from the PE department. 	Optional
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During PE, students should wear sports socks or school football socks. Sports socks should be white 	Compulsory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Football socks should be plain navy and blue socks contrast.● If shin pads are worn, they must be worn with football socks.	
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Rulings on PE uniform issues

The Curriculum Team Leader for PE will act as arbiter if a decision concerning the appropriateness of any element of PE uniform is required.

Parents/carers who disagree with any ruling have the right to appeal to the Senior Leadership Team.

Summer Uniform

During half term 6 **only** (after May half term break), students can wear our new summer uniform if they wish to do so. The summer uniform is **either**:

Plain or TGS logo white polo shirt with either trousers, skirt, tailored school shorts or tailored school skorts (**PE skorts are not allowed**). No other logo, including white logos, are allowed on the polo shirt. Separate PE polo shirt is required by students on PE days, **OR**:

Shirt (long or short sleeved) with either trousers, skirt, tailored school shorts or tailored school skorts (**PE skort is not allowed**).

Summer school uniform is an equally important element of the school's vision and values as our main school uniform and therefore should be worn correctly with equal pride.

The purpose of our summer uniform is to optimise students' comfort during the warmer months of June and July by creating an environment where students can thrive academically while remaining comfortable throughout the school day. Students can still choose to wear their full uniform (tie, blazer and jumper) if they wish.

On days, when students have PE, they should bring a different polo shirt for this lesson. Students should change after a PE lesson to maintain hygiene, prevent body odour, and promote a fresh, comfortable learning environment for themselves and their peers.

Students are expected to continue to wear navy, dark grey or black socks (not white) and black school shoes during the summer uniform period. Trainers and white socks are not permitted.

