

DAWLISH COLLEGE

Uniform Policy

The Uniform Policy and approved list is agreed by the Leadership and Governance of Dawlish College and published on the website. This is reviewed annually. At Dawlish College we believe that maintaining high standards and expectations of our students, especially with regard to uniform, sets the smart and professional ethos and culture we want to see in our learning community in order to maximise student outcomes.

This is not an exhaustive list but covers the main items required, or not permitted, in order to maintain the uniform. The uniform and appearance guidance aims to:

- Promote a sense of self-respect and pride
- Create a sense of identity and belonging
- Emphasise equality
- Prepare the students for the world of work
- Raise expectations
- Create an atmosphere conducive to maximum learning

Uniform is not optional. Compliance with the uniform guidelines is not optional. Single incidents of failure to follow the uniform guidelines will be met with the opportunity to rectify the situation immediately, be sent home to rectify the situation and return to college or removal from general circulation to complete the learning for the day away from the rest of the student body. No student will attend lessons unless in full college uniform.

Persistent breaches of the uniform guidelines, or complete refusal to comply and follow a direct instruction by a member of staff, will be treated as an act of defiance rather than a uniform issue and will be met with removal from circulation for at least one day or possibly even fixed term exclusion.

The Dawlish College uniform:

- Smart black formal school trousers
- Completely black school shoes (boots are not permitted)
- Plain black ankle socks or black opaque tights
- Smart white school shirt (worn tucked in at all times and with the top button done up)
- Dawlish College tie (worn smartly – tied to the very top and worn to an appropriate length i.e. the tip should reach the waistband of the trousers/skirt)
- Dawlish College blazer with logo

Optional items:

- A Dawlish College (with logo) black V-neck jumper (or cardigan for key stage 4 students) may be worn but only beneath the blazer and never in place of
- Students may choose to wear a smart black formal school skirt rather than trousers, but this must be one of the school-approved options available from Thomas Moore. No other skirts are permissible.
- Following the Head of College's declaration during the summer term, students may choose to wear smart, black, tailored shorts (only available to purchase at Thomas Moore) worn with black ankle socks.

Additional notes:

- Uniform, including the blazer, must be worn in full and smartly at all times around the college site except when a student is partaking in break time sport on the field, astro turf or basketball court
- Students must enter and leave every lesson/tutor time/assembly in full college uniform
- Students must request permission from the teacher to remove their blazer in lessons
- The college uniform is to be worn smartly and in full for the entire journey to and from college
- Outdoor garments must be removed when settled inside the building, including the canteen
- The only item to be worn over the college uniform is a sensible weatherproof coat (other jumpers, cardigans, hoodies etc will be confiscated) – the decision of the Head of College is final
- A single pair of small, plain, discreet earrings/studs and a watch may be worn; other jewellery is not permitted including those associated with facial piercings. A plastic bar may be worn in the case of a nose piercing. No other facial piercings are permitted.
- Make up should be discreet, coloured nail polish is not permitted. False/acrylic nails are also not permitted. Students will be given the means to remove excessive make up and/or nail varnish.
- Hairstyles must be in line with a blazer-based uniform. These must not include any designs cut into or extreme coloured hair which is not of natural colour. Hair clips or bands must be black, plain and simple. Hats are not permitted on the college site.
- If belts are worn they should be narrow and plain black with a simple buckle. Designer logos on belts are not acceptable.

PE Kit – compulsory kit:

- KS3 house colour college navy shirt with logo/KS4 college all navy shirt with logo
- Navy school hoodie
- Navy college house colour shorts or navy/black shorts
- Black/navy tracksuit trousers, navy college leggings or navy/black 'sports' leggings
- Astro trainers preferably otherwise trainers (with non-marking soles)
- Shins pads, gum shield

We are grateful to parents for supporting the college in enforcing these uniform guidelines with our students. Please do not allow finance to become the sole reason for non-compliance. Parents are asked to discuss this with the Head of College to ensure a solution can be supported. Parents who are unsure whether an item of uniform or a hairstyle will be acceptable should contact the Student Welfare Officer for clarification before purchase.

We are proud of our students and our college and the college uniform is a very visible sign of how we view ourselves and the expectations we have of those within our learning community.

The Head of College's decision is final in all matters relating to uniform and the enforcement of these guidelines.