

**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL
CREDITON
Uniform Policy 2023-2024**

**To be ratified at the next LGB meeting on
27.11.23**

Aims:

The school supports a uniform policy for students in Years 7 to 11 as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Uniform items are:

- ❖ *QE Black School Jacket / *QE Black School Fitted Jacket with pockets
- ❖ Current QE School Tie, to be worn with the knot tight to the shirt collar and with ends of equal length
- ❖ White formal shirt worn tucked in to trousers/skirt
- ❖ *Optional QE School grey V-neck sweater with gold/black neck stripes and logo. To be worn for additional warmth **with jacket - not instead of**
- ❖ **Black formal pressed trousers or black box pleated skirt or black formal tailored shorts
- ❖ Tights - plain black or grey
- ❖ Socks - plain black or grey
- ❖ All black leather or leather effect shoes (Not trainers – no motifs/badges, no high heels/stilettos)
- ❖ Outside clothing - plain weatherproof coat (not a 'hoody', cardigan or pullover top)

- ❖ The Sixth Form should wear clothing appropriate for attendance in the work place.

*These items should be purchased from Thomas Moore, Fore Street, Exeter. If you purchase a school skirt or trousers from another supplier, they should be indistinguishable from the items supplied by Thomas Moore

**Trousers, skirts and shorts: Trousers should be a straight leg style and hang free from the ankle, 'skinny fit' styles made from stretch fabric that are tightly fitted are not permitted.

Skirts and shorts must be of a suitable length and cover the thigh to just above the knee.

Additional items:

- Students must only have one earring in each ear
- Only stud earrings and sleepers will be allowed but the sleeper must be a solid, continuous hoop no larger than a 5p coin
- Clear or flesh coloured nose stud retainer only
- All other piercings must be removed
- All other jewellery must be discreet in style and not overly large or obvious
- Hair must be of a broadly natural hair colour and not be of unusual design e.g. Mohicans, designs cut in etc. Long hair may need to be tied back for Health and Safety reasons in some subjects
- Make up and nail varnish if worn should be discreetly applied and not be overtly visible or colourful. Excess make up may have to be removed
- Bags suitable for carrying school books and other essential items such as PE kits are required

Upholding the uniform policy:

- The school expects students to remain in full uniform whilst on school premises and on the journey to and from school
- Members of the Leadership Team will ultimately decide whether uniform rules have been infringed
- Failure to comply with the uniform policy will be addressed in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy
- It is at the Headteacher's discretion to make temporary adjustments to the uniform policy as appropriate, both for individuals and for cohorts or the entire school population – for example in times of extreme weather.

Advice if facing financial hardship and on provision of second-hand uniforms:

The school will ensure that second hand uniform is available. The school aims to work with local charity shops to facilitate and encourage the use of second hand uniform for reasons of sustainability and access, and will signpost the charity shops participating on a regular basis. Donations of second hand uniform are always welcomed at the shops highlighted. In any event, second hand uniform is available from the school and parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school to access second hand uniform.

Please contact us before purchasing any uniform if you have any concerns about an item's suitability, or are facing financial hardship and have concerns about purchasing uniform, as we may be able to provide financial assistance in accordance with relevant policies.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in non-compliance with the school's published uniform policy, we will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolve the situation.