



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT POLICY

This Policy applies to Years 7 to 13.

Our Uniform Policy is in line with our commitment to the highest standards of student dress, as we prepare all our students for the world of work and beyond.

Our Policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Enhances and strengthens a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies our students as part of our school;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and financial circumstances.

Our intention is that our school uniform continues to be as reasonably priced as possible for parents avoiding expensive fashion items/trends. The school will also offer the opportunity to attend a second-hand uniform stall in the Summer Term to swap or purchase uniform where required.

We ask that all parents/carers refer to this Policy before purchasing any items, as inappropriate school uniform will need to then be replaced. If parents/carers are in any doubt about what is/is not permitted, please check with the school beforehand. Displays of what is regarded as correct school uniform are available for parents to view in the lower school reception area. The school are aware of the change in legislation for the academic year 2026/27, with there being no more than three branded items required, plus a tie.

The support of all parents in ensuring that our clear Uniform Policy is adhered to at all times is appreciated. We would ask that all uniform is clearly labelled in case any items are misplaced.

School Uniform Years 7 to 11

Boys

- Blazer** Black with red trim and school badge/Prefects – grey blazer with red trim and school badge.
- Trousers** Smart, tailored, black trousers, full length, straight legged. **(Leggings, Chinos or denim are not acceptable).** Tailored black shorts **(lycra based, denim and cargo shorts are not acceptable).** A black plain belt with no logos or brand names can be worn.
- Shirt** White short or long sleeve, collars to be buttoned and shirts tucked in.
- Jumper** Jumpers are optional but, if worn, should be plain black V neck with no logo. Blazers are always required if a jumper is worn. Blazers can be removed in lessons but should be worn around the school site if a jumper is worn.

Tie	Available from local retailers.
Shoes	Black formal traditional footwear – leather look <u>ONLY</u> . (Trainers, canvas pumps/leisure shoes/Crocs and any form of footwear with a sports label are not acceptable e.g. Converse/Vans/Nike/Adidas/Lacoste).
Socks	Plain black (trainer socks are not permitted). Ankles should not be visible. Socks should not have logos or brands on them.
Coat	Denim or leather is not allowed. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed. A hoody is classed as a hooded jumper without a zip.
Jewellery	Students are allowed to wear one small stud in the <u>lower lobe</u> of each ear only. <u>No other form of jewellery</u> is allowed apart from a wrist watch. No other piercings are permitted. Clear retainers are acceptable for other piercings.
Hair	Hairstyles should be neat and presentable and in keeping with the ethos of our community. (Grade 1 cut all over is not permitted and hair should be free from tramlines and other patterns). Hair colour should be of a natural colour only.

Additional guidance regarding boys' uniform

- Facial hair should be trimmed and smart.

Girls

Blazer	Black with red trim and school badge/Prefects – grey blazer with red trim and school badge.
Skirt	Plain black pleated skirt only worn just above knee level, with the skirt no more than 10cm above the knee. <u>(Lycra figure hugging skirts are not acceptable)</u> Skirts should not be rolled up, with the waistband visible.
Trousers	Smart, black trousers, full length (no ankles on show). Smart flared trousers are acceptable, but should be full length without any slits. Trousers with an elastic cuff at the bottom are not acceptable. Gym-style stretch leggings, including gym-style flared leggings are not permitted, along with trousers, included flared trousers, in a 'jersey material'. <u>(Leggings, jeggings, chinos or denim are not acceptable)</u> . A black plain belt with no logos or brand names can be worn.
Shirt	White. Plain, short or long sleeve. Collars to be buttoned and shirts tucked in. <u>Fashion style blouses without a formal collar are not acceptable.</u>
Sweater	Sweaters are optional but, if worn, should be plain black V neck with no logo. Blazers are always required if a jumper is worn. Blazers can be removed in lessons but should be worn around the school site if a jumper is worn.
Tie	Available from school and local retailers.
Shoes	Black formal traditional leather shoe <u>ONLY</u> . Maximum heel one inch. (Trainers, canvas pumps/leisure shoes/Crocs, and any form of footwear with a sports label are not acceptable e.g. Converse/Vans/Nike). Plain black leather (look) ankle boots can be worn with both trousers and skirts.
Socks	Plain black (trainer socks are not permitted). Ankles should not be visible. Socks should not have logos or brands on them. (Tights may be worn, however, these must be plain black/nude with no extreme patterns.)
Coat	Denim or leather is not allowed. Hoodies without a zip and tracksuit tops are not allowed. A hoody is classed as a hooded jumper without a zip.
Jewellery	Students are allowed to wear multiple small studs in the <u>lower lobe</u> of each ear only. <u>No other form of jewellery</u> is allowed apart from a wrist watch. Rings, anklets and bracelets are not permitted. Clear retainers are acceptable for other piercings.

Hair Hairstyles should be neat and presentable and in keeping with the ethos of our community. Hair colour should be of a natural colour only. 'Streaks' of an unnatural colour, including bright pink, bright red, or other unnatural colours, are not acceptable.

Additional guidance regarding uniform

- Any further piercings should be replaced with a retainer; plasters will not be accepted as a way of covering a piercing.
- Tattoos are not acceptable. Fake tattoos are also not acceptable.
- In Years 7-11, students are allowed discreet mascara and natural coloured foundation. Eyebrows should be natural with no makeup products applied under any circumstances. If a student presents themselves as wearing excessive makeup, they will be asked to remove it by the Director of Year.
- Fake nails are not to be worn. Students are permitted to wear nail varnish or gel but this must be clear ONLY, students will be asked to remove inappropriate nail varnish or gel.
- Fake eyelashes are not acceptable. No shaven eyebrows or tramlines.
- Blazers must be worn at all times. Students will be allowed to remove their blazer in lesson but keep their jumper on; blazers must always be worn around the school site. The Headteacher will authorise 'no blazer days' in extremes of heat. Outdoor coats must be removed when entering classrooms and assemblies.
- Hairstyles worn because of cultural, family or social customs, with certain hairstyles adopted for racial or religious grounds are acceptable. This includes hairstyles such as (but not limited to) braids, locks, twists, cornrows, plaits, natural Afro hairstyles and head coverings, including religious based head coverings and African heritage head wraps. Any hairstyles should be of natural colour, with braids in unnatural colours unacceptable.
- The Headteacher has the final decision in matters relating to uniform and appearance.
- **If a student is not in correct full school uniform they will either be:**
 - Sent home to change if we are able to contact parents/guardians;
 - Able to borrow clean spare uniform from school;
 - Placed in isolation until their uniform is correct.
- Red Cards will be issued on a daily basis to address minor uniform infringements. Multiple red cards will result in demerits being awarded.

Suitable Formal Traditional

Footwear – Pure black leather look shoe or boot. Pure black ankle boots will be allowed if worn under trousers only.



Unsuitable Footwear that would need to be replaced – pumps, trainers
leisure shoe, any shoe with a sports
brand e.g. Converse, Lacoste, Vans,
Adidas, Nike, Doc Martins, Ugg's etc.



Trousers

Suitable School Trousers for boys



Unsuitable School Trousers for boys



Suitable school trousers for girls that are smart, tailored, full length.



Unsuitable School Trousers for girls: jeggings and leggings.



School Skirts

School skirts should be worn a just above knee level so please ensure that you purchase a suitable skirt where you allow for growth of your child during the academic year.



Stretchy Skirts

Sports Kit (Boys & Girls)

- Cannock Chase PE red polo shirt
- Cannock Chase black shorts
- Black socks
- Red jacket (optional – a **plain** black round neck jumper may be worn in replacement – **No logos.**)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no logos or stripes) may also be worn.
- Plain black sports leggings are acceptable with no logos or stripes).

Shin Pads and Gum Shields are needed for activities such as rugby, football, and hockey. Football Boots are needed for football and rugby. Trainers will be required for all other activities

Watches and earrings must be removed for all sporting activities.

All PE items need to be labelled with the student's name.

For any student who forgets their kit, the PE department hold a stock of clean kit that students must wear without argument. If a student is not physically taking part in PE due to injury they are still required to bring and wear their PE kit.

Stockists of School Uniform

Our school uniform and PE kit can be purchased from the following stockists:

<https://www.a4idesigns.co.uk/school-uniform/cannock-chase-high-school/>

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/a-c/cannock-chase-high-school/>

Equipment

All students in Years 7-11 will need the following equipment:

• Reading book; • Water bottle; • Pencil case; • Two black pens; • At least one pencil; • A mini whiteboard and two whiteboard pens; • A phone pouch (issued initially by school)	• Ruler (15cm in length); • Rubber; • Green Pen; • Calculator (Casio FX-83GTCW or Casio FX-85GTCW only); • A highlighter.
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Other items such as glue and colouring crayons are encouraged, however, scissors and pencil sharpeners will be provided at school and should not be carried. Pencil cases must be placed on the student's desk at the start of every lesson. When a student forgets their pencil case they will be issued with a red card.

Please note: Clean trainers or pumps will be required for Drama lessons.

School Bags

All students in Years 7-11 will need to have a suitable school bag with them daily to carry their books and equipment. These bags must be able to accommodate an A4 folder, A4 exercise books and all other equipment.

Inappropriate bags

Small handbags are **not** suitable for school.

Sixth Form Dress Code (Year 12 and Year 13)

All CCHS Sixth Form students are expected to wear professional dress five days a week. We have been specific with the language of 'professional' as we do feel that expecting all students to wear suits/business dress would be an inappropriate policy given that many of our students may progress to alternative industries, such as sports, creative or care.

The dress code outlined below hopes to adopt a consistent standard of professional dress, whilst allowing students an appropriate level of individual expression.

"The way you look directly affects the way you think, feel, and act [...]. When you dress down, you sit down – the couch potato trend. Manners break down, you begin to feel down, and you're not as effective" (Kaplan-Leiserson, 2000, p. 39)

MALE DRESS CODE

- **Shirt or polo shirt with collar or smart jumper.** Logos should not be large.

FEMALE DRESS CODE

- **Skirt, tailored trousers or formal dress.** Skirts and dresses should be of a modest length (a minimum length of just above the

- **Trousers should be tailored;** these can be chinos. Smart cargo trousers are allowed. No jeans or denim are allowed.
- **Formal shoes or boots,** smart trainers, or smart casual pumps only in any colour. Running trainers, Crocs and flip flops are not allowed.
- **Smart jacket or blazer.** (optional)
- Smart jumper (optional) with no large logos.

knee). No jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts. Lycra skirts are not allowed.

- **Blouse, shirt or tailored top.** Tops that reveal the abdomen or chest are not acceptable, as are strapless or backless tops. Students should have their shoulders covered.
- **Formal shoes or boots,** smart trainers, or smart casual pumps only in any colour. Running trainers, Crocs and flip flops are not allowed.
- **Smart jacket or blazer.** (optional)
- Smart jumper (optional) with no large logos.

Denim clothing in any form is not acceptable.

Subjects with Specialist Dress Codes

If a student studies a subject that requires different dress, including Sport, Drama, Dance, etc, students are expected to change for this lesson when necessary, following the subject-specific policy, and then change back to professional dress.

Hair, Make-Up, Jewellery & Tattoos

Hair should be in a neat, professional style and of a natural colour (dying is acceptable but radical colours are not appropriate). Make-up should be discreet. Tattoos must be covered where possible. Small amounts of jewellery are acceptable, including costume jewellery. Piercings are allowed, but must be studs or bars only; rings or hoops are not allowed. Nail varnish and gel is acceptable.

It remains the right of senior members of staff to determine whether a particular item of dress is or is not appropriate for Sixth Form. Students who arrive to Sixth Form inappropriately dressed will be sent home to change.

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