



## ECKINGTON SCHOOL

### UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT POLICY.

#### *Achieving Excellence*

At Eckington School we want to ensure we offer all our students the best start to their adult life whilst promoting our ethos of “Smart Students, Keen to Learn” and maintaining high expectations/standards. We strive to ensure all our students aspire to achieve excellence.

#### 1. Rationale

- Our school uniform reflects government guidance which highlights the valuable role of uniform in contributing to an ethos of high standards, high expectations, achievement and success.
- Our school uniform plays a role in boosting student self-esteem, confidence and in stimulating pride in the students themselves and in the school.
- Our school uniform prepares students for the world of work by embedding an understanding of responsibility and identity.

#### 2. Our Uniform

##### (a) Blazer, Shirt and School Tie

- All students are expected to wear a plain white formal shirt – long or short sleeved with the clip on school tie.
- The school blazer must be worn during the school day unless students are given permission to remove their blazer by a member of staff.
- Students may choose to wear the optional black knitted V-necked school jumper with the school logo under their blazer **but** not instead of.

##### (b) Trousers and skirts

- Full length plain black conventional AST style tailored school trousers. (Trousers must be formal and must not be “skinny”. They must be wide enough at the ankle to fit over boots.)
- A black AST style tailored skirt that reaches the knee and is not tight fitting or made of a stretchy material.

##### (c) Headwear, make-up and jewellery

- No hats/hoods are permitted in the school building.
- Hoods may be worn outside in inclement weather.
- Make up, including false eyelashes, must be kept to a minimum and be of a natural appearance.
- Only a wrist watch and a single stud earring may be worn.
- No nail extensions or coloured nail varnish.
- No extreme hairstyles or colours, including shaving of less than a number 2 over the entire scalp.

(d) Footwear

- Plain black formal, small block heeled, leather or leather look shoes or ankle boot. This means no obvious logos anywhere on the shoes or boots; no coloured laces or other non-black detail.
- Trainers and pumps are not acceptable.

3. Second Layer Rule

Students are permitted to wear a **coat** over a school blazer. “Hoodies” are not permitted. If a student needs to wear a jumper under their blazer it must be one which carries the school logo.

4. Equipment

Every student must have:

- A large bag - preferably a “Rucksack”
- A pencil case
- A black pen x 2
- A purple pen\*
- A pencil x 2
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A planner
- A school bag
- A scientific calculator\*\*
- Apron for DT

\*A purple pen will be issued by the school. Replacement pens will be provided free of charge. Lost or vandalised pens must be replaced at the student’s expense.

\*\*All students must have a scientific calculator – these are readily available in shops or can be purchased in school.

5. PE Kit

All students must wear:

- An Eckington School blue polo shirt
- A pair of navy blue shorts OR
- A pair of plain navy blue joggers/school logo leggings
- A pair of royal blue football socks
- Sports trainers with non-marking soles

Students may choose to wear:

- An Eckington School logo sports hoodie

6. Failure to wear school uniform.

For students who arrive at the school without correct uniform, every effort will be made to contact home as soon as possible. School will, where possible, loan the student the appropriate items of uniform so they may participate fully in their lessons. If such remedial action is not accepted, the student will be placed in isolation and a meeting arranged with parents/carers.

Students who arrive at school with extreme hair colours/styles or nail extensions will be isolated for one full day, followed by social isolation at breaks and lunches for one week or until such time as the issue is resolved.

NB: Decisions on extreme hair styles should be at the discretion of the Assistant Principals/Directors of Achievement.

Repeated failure or refusal to wear school uniform will be dealt with under the provisions of the school's Behaviour Policy.