



## Eckington School

### Uniform and Equipment Policy

#### *Achieving Excellence*

Achieving Excellence is our overriding ambition at Eckington School. We aspire to ensure that all students leave with a wide body of knowledge/skills and a strength of character so they are best equipped for what comes next and can live an exceptional life

We are extremely proud of the standard of our students' uniform and how well they represent Eckington School in the community.

#### **Rationale for school uniform at Eckington**

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.

We also believe our school uniform: Creates cohesion, reduces the potential for bullying, increases safety, reduces peer pressure, focuses very much on character, hopefully provides an easy morning for students and parents/carers and overall, we hope it is more economical than wearing non uniform.

Our school uniform also prepares students for the world of work by embedding an understanding of responsibility and identity.

#### **Our Uniform**

##### **Blazer, House badge, shirt, jumper and school tie**

- Black formal blazer with the school logo. Sleeves must be rolled down at all times.
- House metal lapel badge.
- Plain white formal shirt **tucked in at all times.**
- Eckington school clip on tie with nothing marked or written on it.
- Optional: Plain black V-necked jumper either with the school logo or without any logo. The jumper must be worn under their blazer **but not instead of.**

##### **Trousers, skirts and shorts**

- **Full length, plain black conventional tailored** school trousers.  
Any other fashion trends are not acceptable, such as leggings, skinny leg trousers, zip pockets or fashion labels are not allowed.
- Plain black tailored skirt/AST skirt tailored skirt that reaches to the knee and is not tight fitting and is made of a non-stretch material.
- Plain black tailored knee-length shorts can be worn from April to September.
- A plain black belt can be worn with a simple conventional buckle.

In all cases, plain black means **totally black.**

## Footwear and socks/tights

- Plain black formal leather or leather look shoes or ankle boots with a clearly defined block heel with no obvious logos. Laces must be black and any decorative detail must be totally black and discrete. Trainers and pumps are not acceptable.
- Plain black ankle or knee length socks.

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## Headwear, make-up and jewellery

- Hats (not caps) and hoods on coats can only be worn in very cold or wet weather. No hats/hoods are permitted in the school building.
- Head scarves worn for religious reasons can only be plain black with plain hijab pins.
- The only jewellery allowed is a watch and a small pair of studs (a single stud earring in each ear). No item of jewellery can compromise health and safety.
- No facial piercings of any kind can be worn.
- Make up must be kept to a minimum, no excessive make up is permitted. No coloured nail varnish or nail extensions or false eyelashes are allowed.
- Hair should not be extreme in terms of style, cut or colour. Hair should not be shaved less than a grade 2 on top, no patterns should be shaved into hair and hair may only be dyed within a natural colour range. If you are unsure about this in any way, please contact your child's Leader of Student Development before any decisions are made.

## Second Layer Rule

Students are permitted to wear a **waterproof coat** over a school blazer. Students are not allowed to wear any hoodie or tracksuit top or other forms of sportswear. As mentioned previously, a plain black V-neck jumper can be worn under a blazer if it has either the school logo or no logo at all, and a school jumper cannot be worn instead of a blazer.

## Equipment needed everyday

Every student must have:

- A large school bag or large rucksack that is big enough to hold all books, an A4 size folder and full PE kit (if not allowed to be worn for the day).
- A pencil case
- A black pen
- A purple pen\*
- A mini wipe board\*
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- A pencil
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A school planner\*\*
- A scientific calculator\*\*\*
- Apron for design technology.

\*A purple pen, mini wipe bard and wipe board pen will be issued by the school. Replacement pens will be provided free of charge. Lost or vandalised pens or mini wipe boards must be replaced at the student's expense.

\*\*A school planner will be issued on the first day that your child starts at school. If it is damaged or has graffiti on, a replacement planner must be bought.

\*\*\*All students must have a scientific calculator – these are readily available in shops or online.

## **PE Kit**

All students must wear:

- A blue polo shirt with the Eckington School logo.
- A pair of navy blue shorts or cycling shorts OR a pair of plain navy blue joggers/tracksuit bottoms or school logo leggings. These must have no stripes on them at all. A small logo is acceptable.
- A pair of royal blue football socks or short white sports socks.
- Sports trainers with non-marking soles (pumps or fashion trainers are not allowed).

## **Optional PE kit**

- Royal blue hoodie with the Eckington School logo.

## **Buying uniform**

All items of clothing with the school logo and the school tie can be bought from Pinders Schoolwear Limited (they have a shop in the Crystal Peaks shopping centre and an online shop on their website). Pinders also stock all items of school uniform that does not have a school logo, which can also be purchased elsewhere.

## **Students not wearing full correct school uniform**

Every effort will be made to ensure that students who are not wearing full school uniform are given correct clean uniform to wear from the school's uniform store. This may also be the case for students who arrive in incorrect uniform who may have a note from home. 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 may be placed in isolation for the day or until the remedy can be effected.

Repeated failure to wear full correct school uniform will be dealt with under the school's behaviour policy.

Please note that the final decision about uniform and student appearance is at the discretion of the school Principal or the senior leader who the Principal delegates this responsibility to.

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