



Uniform Policy

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1. OVERVIEW



Uniform helps create a sense of unity and consistency across the school and reduces anxiety about what to wear each day. This allows pupils to focus on learning rather than what to wear, reducing bullying and creating consistency across the Year groups.





We pride ourselves on having high standards of presentation and uniform which promotes a sense of identity and unity amongst the pupils in our community.




Parents are requested to lend their full support to the Headteacher and staff by sending their children to school at all times in the appropriate uniform. If for some reason this is not possible, parents are asked to contact the school so that problems can be discussed and resolved. We also give our students the opportunity to speak to the Pastoral team and receive a short-term uniform exemption card, if a part of their uniform is incorrect or missing. Students may receive sanctions if they choose not to wear their uniform correctly or fail to follow the Sixth form dress code.

It is the aim of this policy to outline what pupils must wear as part of the QEGS uniform and inform of the other items pupils may choose to wear. If students are unsure about whether an item of clothing is appropriate for school or if it is not specifically covered in this policy, they should check with the Head of Year or member of the Senior Leadership team before wearing that item.

2. QEGS UNIFORM YEARS 7-11

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	
Blazer	Black blazer with school badge - Blazers should be worn at all times unless permission is granted not to do so.	
Trousers	Trousers should be black, tailored, full length and regular fit with no gap between the bottom of the trouser and the sock/shoe. Pupils should wear black plain socks that would cover any gap between the trouser and shoe. <i>No jeans, leggings or jeggings, cords or chinos. No skinny or flared fit.</i>	

<p>Skirt</p>	<p>Black pleated skirt.</p> <p>The length should be no shorter than 5cm above the top of the knee.</p> <p><i>No other type of skirt may be worn.</i></p>	
<p>Shorts</p>	<p>Black tailored shorts.</p> <p>These must be of the same material as School trousers/skirts.</p> <p>These may have a 'turn up' or be straight but must come no more than 6 inches above the knee when walking or standing. (Summer term)</p>	
<p>Shirt</p>	<p>Plain white shirt capable of taking a tie</p> <p>Shirts must be tucked in at the waist and the top button must be closed.</p>	
<p>Footwear</p>	<p>Plain, black, flat, sensible shoes or ankle boots of either lace up, Velcro strap, slip-on or bar style, free from contrasting decoration. Polishable black shoes or ankle boots of a sensible style. Trousers must come down over boots. The soles of footwear should also be black.</p> <p>While we discourage them, all black, polishable, 'Air force one' style trainers are permitted. Pupils must have a different pair of trainers for PE/Games</p> <p><i>NOT ACCEPTABLE- sports trainers, canvas shoes or trainers e.g. Vans or Converse styles, high heeled shoes or, suede shoes</i></p> <p>Please bear in mind trainers sold or labelled as 'school shoes' may not match our expectations. If you are unsure, please contact the Head of Year before making any purchases.</p>	

Tie	School tie (clip on only)	
Jumper (Optional)	<p>Plain knit, black V-neck jumper, V-neck cardigan or V-neck tank top (optional)</p> <p>Your blazer must be worn over your jumper.</p> <p><i>Round neck jumpers or sweatshirts are not permitted</i></p> <p><i>Hoodies (apart from QEGS PE hoody) are not permitted and should not be worn on school site.</i></p>	
Socks	<p>Black full length only- no logos.</p> <p>Short trainer socks are not acceptable.</p>	
Coats & Jackets (optional)	<p>Coats and jackets should be weatherproof. Outdoor jackets are not to be worn during lessons, unless a member of staff has given permission.</p> <p>Leather, denim or denim-look jackets are not permitted.</p> <p>A hoody or sweatshirt may not be worn as an alternative to a coat or as an extra layer under or over the blazer.</p>	
Jewellery (Optional)	<p>For reasons of safety and security, we discourage pupils from wearing jewellery in school. Jewellery must not be 'extreme' and should be discreet.</p> <p>No jewellery may be worn for PE due to the risk of injury. For the same reason, hoop earrings may not be worn at any time.</p> <p>All items of jewellery must be removed, if requested.</p>	
Make-up (Optional)	<p>Subtle make-up may be worn.</p> <p>Nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails are not permitted in school.</p> <p>Students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes.</p>	
Other	<p>Students are not permitted to wear hats inside the buildings.</p> <p>Hairstyles and colour should complement the formal nature of school uniform. Hair colour should be natural and the cut or style should not be extreme.</p> <p>All articles of uniform should be clearly marked with your name. Embroidery is available on uniform items from Sam Scotts, Penrith.</p>	

3. LOST PROPERTY

If named items of lost property are handed in to the school office, pupils will be notified. Unnamed lost property will be regularly displayed in the foyer or outside the sportshall during the term. Unclaimed items will be donated to the school's recycled uniform shop or to a local charity shop after a term.

Pupils will be given instructions by staff if school uniform is not to be worn at any time, for example, a field visit or a school overseas exchange visit.

All pupils must have a suitable bag so that books and equipment can be carried in school and to and from home.

Note: Pupils given permission to come to school in PE/Games kit must wear their blazer or QEGS overtop/ hoody and plain black tracksuit bottoms, full length leggings or their school trousers in the Autumn and Spring Term.

4. SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

In QEGS Sixth Form we want students to be able to express their individuality and to dress in a way that gives the students choice. As such, we do not believe that students should be made to wear school uniform. However, we feel that they should dress in an appropriate way for being in a place of study and work. The dress code is under constant review and students joining Sixth Form do so on the understanding that this may change for their second year.

Lanyards are compulsory and must be worn around the neck at all times when on part of the school site.

Appropriate for Sixth Form	Not appropriate for Sixth Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smart trousers or skirt/dress• Tailored shorts• Chinos and cords• Pristine jet-black jeans without faults or patterns.• Shirt, blouse or smart top• Polo shirts• Tidy shoes, trainers and boots of any colour. Heels should be of a suitable height as to be comfortable.• Jumpers or cardigans• Formal Jackets• T shirts with small logos (less than 10cm X 10cm) may be worn underneath tops, jackets and jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denim clothing of any colour (apart from jet black jeans)• Clothing that features slogans or logos larger than 10cm X 10cm• Hoodies• Sportswear, apart from for PE, including fashion or gym leggings or tracksuit trousers or cargo style trousers• Tops that expose the abdomen are unacceptable• No strapless, backless tops and/or dresses with spaghetti straps• No ripped clothing

Students should always be dressed appropriately for school, if students are deemed to be inappropriately dressed, they will be sent home to change without warning.

Students who do not have their lanyard must report to the Pastoral Support Office in Sixth Form to rectify this as soon as they arrive at school.

If students are unsure about whether an item of clothing is appropriate, they should check with the Head of Sixth Form before wearing that item.

Any extreme body piercing, make-up or tattoos which the head of Sixth Form identify as being inappropriate for a school environment, will need to be addressed. As such, before making a major change we would recommend that students discuss their plans with the head of Sixth Form.