



Wychwood School
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Uniform Policy and Study Dress Code

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Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that pupils, staff and parents understand what the Wychwood, Oxford expectations and requirements are for girls when they are attending or representing the school.

Uniform Policy – Remove to Shell

All uniform and non-uniform items should be indelibly marked.

Uniform should be clean and ironed. Rips of a designer nature or indeed from wear and tear are inappropriate. Where girls come in inappropriate uniform, parents will be asked to bring in alternative correct uniform and the girls will be sent to the library to work while waiting for its arrival.

Outside periods of restriction such as those in force during covid19 restrictions, girls should change into PE kit at the nearest break to their lesson and should not wear kit during the day. We do not expect to see girls in PE shorts in lessons or assemblies. All PE kit should be marked at home.

In uniform all shoes should be black leather and should be appropriate for school – no pseudo-trainers or trainers, Doc Marten boots or casual shoes such as crocs.

Mufti should be appropriate for the activity and not in the extremes of fashion. We do not allow ripped jeans or shorts on school trips or in school. Skirts should be of a length where the girl can sit down and bend over without any underwear being visible. There should not be too much flesh on view.

If girls arrive for a school trip in inappropriate mufti they will not be allowed to go and will either spend the day in the library if school is open or be sent home if it is a whole-school or evening trip.

At the ends of terms on home-clothes days, the girls should wear clothes appropriate for a formal occasion at work as this is the nature of certificate assembly. Here jeans, T shirts and casual clothes are not appropriate.

We do not expect make up, nail varnish or body art and girls will be asked to remove or conceal as appropriate. If girls have acrylic nails they will be asked to remove them so please do not allow the girls to have their nails done just before coming back to school.

Jewellery should be simple – one necklace, no rings or bracelets and we do not expect more than one piercing in the ears. Where there are more, please only wear one discreet pair of earrings to

school. We do not expect tongue or navel piercings and if these are observed we will ask girls to remove the jewellery or tape the piercing.

With brightly dyed hair, we will send the girls home and ask her to remain there until it has been dyed back to a colour approximating to their natural colour. Girls will be asked to remove coloured hair braids and coloured extensions within 24 hours or they will be snipped out by a member of staff.

Study Dress Code

Generally speaking the Study girls should wear smart, casual clothes such as would be worn by teachers or to the office. In addition all Study girls are expected to possess a smart skirt or dress with tidy shirt and/or jacket. They will be required to wear smart clothes on several occasions during their time in Study and boarders should **always** have such items in school.

Formal occasions include the Welcome to Wychwood Sixth evening, Celebration Day, Open Days, the School Photograph.

The dress code is based on professionally acceptable dress for the work place remembering that smart, casual wear is distinct from leisure wear and that clothes should convey a general modesty. Therefore spaghetti straps, strappy tops/low cut, plunging necklines, exposed stomachs or very short skirts or sports shorts are unacceptable.

Shoes should be safe and appropriate.

Trainers must be worn at all times for PE lessons

Tracksuit bottoms/sweatpants, leggings and sports shorts are unacceptable items of clothing for everyday use.

The school sportswear must be worn at all times for PE lessons. We do not expect girls to do sports in everyday clothing or shoes. All Study representing the school for matches must wear their formal school PE kit.