TOWERS SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Uniform Policy

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Uniform Policy – changes from previous versions

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Equipment list	Re-written in line with relaunch	Jan 25
Sanctions and consequences for lack of equipment	Re-written in line with relaunch	Jan 25
Uniform	Detail regarding school socks updated	Jun 25
General	General update to ordering of information PE/Dance kit process updated (pg 8)	Dec 25
P3 Introduction	Link added to updated parent handbook	

Introduction

We help students to become the best versions of themselves in everything they do, including their uniform. We expect all of our students to wear their uniform with pride and reinforce the idea that all are equal and therefore all must meet the same high expectations.

As a school, we need everyone to be clear about the expectations. To expect less of our students is to expect less for them. We aim higher because we believe in the potential of each and every one of our community.

All of our students deserve the chance to be the best version of themselves.In order to achieve this, we need wholehearted support from all our families. In choosing to attend Towers, families are making the choice to follow all of our systems.

Expectations of all:

- We are a school that works harder, smarter and faster.
- We are consistent because we care.
- We hold true to our focus on students' welfare BUT every student understands that "a reason is not an excuse".
- We have a curriculum that stretches and challenges and where high level knowledge is at the heart.
- Our lessons are purposeful and pacy.
- Students arrive ready to learn and low level disturbance will not be tolerated as it disrupts the learning of others.

We know that students who wish to succeed, take pride in themselves and in our school.

- We correct students on their behaviour when necessary.
- Mobile phones are not permitted.
- Full uniform must be worn correctly every day.
- Jewellery is not permitted to be worn. Students may wear a watch.
- Students must be punctual to school and to lessons.
- Students must demonstrate STAR behaviours in all lessons.
- We expect students to work hard and be the best version of themselves.
- Students must trust that teachers' instructions are to help them be successful.

A copy of the parent handbook can be found in the link below and this gives more detail on a whole range of issues in which we can all help to assist and support students

2025 Towers Parent Handbook.pdf

Uniform expectations

Jewellery

- Students may not wear any jewellery.
- Students may wear a watch to school.

Makeup

- Obvious and visible make-up will not be allowed, including nail varnish, false eyelashes or eyelash extensions and any form of false nails.
- Students who do not follow these rules will be sent to student reception to remove or to Reset if the situation can not be rectified at school.

Hair

- Hair colour should be natural in colour and the style should not be extreme (eg no tram lines, logos or patterns being shaved into the hair, hair shaved lower than a grade 1 or hair being dyed multiple colours (even if those colours are natural).
- Male and female students with long hair must tie it back for safety reasons when in PE, DT and during Science practicals.
- The braiding of hair is allowed but any hair accessory of any description should be plain, natural colours only.

Shoes

- Black, polishable shoes must be worn.
- Trainers or trainer style shoes are not deemed acceptable. This includes leather versions of trainers.
- Black suede or patent shoes are allowed but they must be sturdy and practical.
- Plain, black ankle boots with a flat heel may be worn. However, they cannot be worn with skirts. Trousers must be able to fit comfortably over the boot.
- (Examples of acceptable and unacceptable footwear are shown below)

All uniform must be worn correctly;

- This includes wearing a blazer at all times.
- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn on the school site, other than the official school P.E hoodie that can only be worn in Physical Education lessons.
- A coat may be worn over the blazer when it is cold or wet. For parental information, hoodies including Nike tech fleece zipped jackets do not count as an outdoor coat). We encourage all students to have a waterproof coat during the winter months.
- Shirt must be tucked in and the tie (if applicable) must cover the top button and be worn to the correct length (able to touch the top of trousers/ skirt when held flat)
- Appropriate black trousers. Trousers must have a zip and button. Leggings or any type of sports trousers are not acceptable.
- Alternatively students can wear the school skirt. School skirts must be worn correctly and not rolled, worn higher or adjusted.

- Knee high socks or ankle socks should be black or navy (All socks should be plain with no branding, such as Nike ticks. Knee high socks must be worn below the knee).

What happens if a student does not adhere to the uniform expectations?

If a student arrives without correct uniform:

- Collect correct uniform from student reception prior to the day starting. Students will be required to hand over house keys, bus ticket, or phone as a form of 'deposit'
- If the uniform isn't rectified prior to the start of the day, students will be sent to student reception to rectify where possible. Demerit will be issued.
- If we can't rectify, for example, because a student is not adhering to the hair policy, parents will be contacted as soon as possible to try to resolve the issue quickly in order for students to return back to lessons.
- Students cannot be in normal lessons unless they are in correct uniform

If a student has the correct uniform but is wearing it incorrectly:

- We will issue you a demerit for wearing uniform incorrectly eg
    - Not wearing your blazer for transition
    - Untucked shirt
    - Tie too short.
    - Incorrect socks (you will also be sent to student reception to change socks)
    - Wearing jewellery - will be confiscated (students can collect at the end of the week from Student Reception)
    - Skirt being worn incorrectly. Demerits will be issued for a skirt not being worn correctly. If a student receives 3 skirt demerits they will lose their right to wear the skirt and will need to wear the alternative of school trousers for a fixed period of time. In the first instance this will be to the end of the next full term (Christmas, Easter, Summer).

The only exception to the above would be if a student has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing the normal uniform. A dated medical note must be provided for students to be exempt from wearing any item of the school uniform.

The school's decision on what is deemed as appropriate and correct school uniform is final.

Notes for lack of uniform will not be accepted

Footwear

In order to help parents select appropriate footwear we have displayed below examples of acceptable and unacceptable shoes types for our students.

Acceptable footwear examples:













<u>Unacceptable</u> footwear examples



<u>Purchasing of School Uniform</u>

Towers School uniforms can be purchased in two different ways.

Online

Our school uniform is available to order online directly from Price & Buckland at **www.price-buckland.co.uk** and should be delivered to your home address within 5-7 working days.

In Store

Pages Schoolwear based in Ashford's Orbital Park also stocks a full range of our uniform.

Uniform
● Black trousers (trousers must not be a denim-type material, not have studs or rivets on the pockets and must have a button or clasp on the front with a zip) ● Or school tartan skirt ● White shirt with school tie or white revere collar blouse ● Blazer ● School jumper *(optional)* ● Black or navy ankle or knee high socks/ black or navy tights ● PE top ● Any sport trainers for PE ● PE shorts *(optional, plain black sports shorts, skort or sports leggings also acceptable)* ● PE hoodie *(optional, can wear base layers instead)*

Black trousers & white shirts/blouses can be purchased in a local uniform shop or supermarket uniform department. Some high street shops such as New Look sell acceptable, non-jegging type trousers. All other items can be purchased online directly from our supplier Price & Buckland or from Pages Schoolwear. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of the trousers, please check with us before purchasing.

Equipment

Students should arrive at school each day fully prepared with the correct equipment to support their learning. Equipment will be checked each morning during PD time. Detentions will be set for any missing equipment. Therefore, if a student realises they have arrived at school without an expected item of equipment, they should go to student reception to rectify before the day begins.

Essential Equipment	Other equipment

● School bag (Large enough to carry A4 books) Rucksack/Messenger/Satchel style bag (no handbags)
● Clear pencil case to fit:
  ● 30cm ruler (with visible measurement markings)
  ● At least two black pens
  ● At least two red pens
  ● Pencils and rubber
  ● Pack of highlighters
  ● Scientific calculator (Casio fx-85GT CW)
  ● Protractor (with visible measurement markings)
  ● Whiteboard pen
● Reusable water bottle
● Lanyard - worn around neck or in blazer pocket
	1. PE KIT - on the days they have it
	2. DANCE KIT - on the days they have it
	3. Timetable - large copy folded in their pocket or small version in their lanyard case

Sanctions and consequences for not having the correct equipment:

Not having a water bottle

- Demerit for not having a bottle.

No PE kit/Dance kit

If a student takes responsibility and, realising that they have forgotten an item of kit, goes to student reception to borrow before the start of the day, there will not be a sanction on the first occasion. However, parents will be notified in order to support them to get it right in future.

If a student arrives at the lesson without kit, and has to be sent to pick up from student reception, thus wasting lesson time, the following sanctions will apply:

- First time - recreation time detention for lack of equipment
- Second time - after school detention
- Third time - extended after school detention

If a student will not borrow an item of kit offered, they cannot take part in the lesson and then will be Reset. Normal reset sanctions will apply.

No lanyard

- Demerit. As a reminder, it can be held in the blazer pocket or around the neck.

Timetable

- Demerit for not having a copy of your timetable.

Not having the **correct equipment** in your pencil case

- Lunchtime detention