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Introduction

It is considered essential that every pupil at Oswestry School wears the school uniform not only to appear smart in appearance but also to encourage a sense of pride in themselves and the School. In this regard, the School sets high standards.

The following code seeks to set out clearly and concisely what is and what is not permitted as part of the dress code. In doing so it lays down guidelines based on a desire to prevent extremes of style dictated by the vagaries of fashion, whilst not wishing to ask the pupils to conform to restrictions not grounded in common sense, decency and due regard to matters of health and safety. At the end of the day, the Headmaster remains the final arbiter of what is appropriate or otherwise.

To avoid embarrassment and unnecessary expense please consult the School before purchasing items of clothing where doubt may exist as to its suitability.

The school recognises the right of any member of the school community to wear a mark of religious conviction or of cultural heritage where this can be demonstrated to be genuine and not a matter of fashion or whim. The school reserves the right to ensure that religious and cultural markers do not conflict with its ethos, bring it into disrepute or compromise health and safety. Religious and cultural markers will be worn neatly and in accordance with the good judgement of the school.

All religious and cultural markers will be agreed in advance of their being worn in school by the Headmaster. The Headmaster will be the ultimate arbiter of what is acceptable or is not acceptable.

It is essential that all items, including footwear, are clearly labelled. Nametapes may be ordered from the School Shop. Boarders should send spare nametapes to school.

Pupils who attend School without suitable uniform will be instructed to purchase the appropriate item immediately. Pupils may have the cost of purchases added to their school bill.

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Prep School Uniform (Reception to Year 6)

[items marked with a * are not available from the School Shop]

School Uniform	
All Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White shirt, standard school design* ▪ School Tie ▪ Navy School blazer ▪ Navy v-neck pullover or cardigan ▪ Charcoal grey school trousers** with dark grey socks Or ▪ School Kilt (length to cover the knee) with maroon tights or knee-length maroon socks or white ankle socks Or ▪ Charcoal grey shorts with white or grey ankle socks ▪ Navy School cap or hat (<i>Reception to Year 4</i>) ▪ Black school shoes - clean and polished (<i>not boots or trainers</i>)*
School Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A plain navy or black coat (no logos) may be worn in winter or the School Storm Jacket ▪ Only the School scarf and School bobble hat may be worn. (<i>Reception to Year 4 pupils to wear the School Cap or Hat as the norm but may, at parental discretion, wear the school bobble hat on extremely cold days.</i>) ▪ Hair accessories should be a school colour (navy or maroon). ▪ Navy School book carrier and/or Navy School Rucksack (Reception to Year 3) ▪ Navy School rucksack (Years 4 to 6) ▪ School Forest School suit (Reception to Year 5) ▪ Plastic work apron*
Appearance	<p>School uniform must be worn completely, correctly and tidily, and pupils must look presentable at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All pupils should have well presented hair of a natural colour and culturally conventional style. ▪ Hair should be neatly tied back if it is long enough to do so. ▪ Any head coverings should be black or navy in colour. ▪ No visible jewellery to be worn excepting wristwatch and one pair of simple stud earrings. ▪ Pupils should be prepared to remove jewellery for health and safety reasons (<i>e.g. during PE/Games or a practical activity</i>).

** School trousers should be charcoal grey and of a conventional school style fit. This may include; tailored, suit style or straight designs. They must be made from trouser material and may not be cropped, leggings, skinny or stretch jersey material, etc.

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Prep School Co-curricular

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Reception to Year 2	
Games Kit	Swimming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School sports T-shirt School shorts School midlayer School contact top or storm jacket Navy jogging bottoms* White sport ankle socks Trainers* PE Bag School baseball cap (<i>optional</i>) School bucket hat (<i>optional</i>) Please see photos HERE for reference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or navy swimming trunks (<i>loose shorts may not be worn</i>)* Or Black or navy one-piece swimsuit* Black, navy or School swim cap Swimming goggles* Large towel*

Years 3 to 6	
Games Kit	Swimming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School sports T-shirt School shorts or leggings School midlayer top School rain jacket, storm jacket or contact top School tracksuit trousers School sports socks Trainers* Football boots* (<i>Years 5 and 6 team only</i>) Shin pads* Gum shield PE Bag School baseball cap (<i>optional</i>) School bucket hat (<i>optional</i>) Please see photos HERE for reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or navy swimming trunks (<i>shorts may not be worn</i>)* or Black or navy one-piece swimsuit* Black, navy or School swim cap Swimming goggles* Large towel* Swim bag
	Cricket Team (Years 5 & 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School cricket shirt School cricket pullover (<i>optional</i>) White cricket trousers* White ankle socks Cricket Box for boys*

Football/Rugby Boots - All boots must adhere to national safety standards. Pupils selected for School teams are likely to have their studs/blades checked by the referee: moulded plastic or metal studs are acceptable - these carry the 'kite' mark safety sticker/label; metal studs must have an approved 'IRB' safety sticker; plastic and metal screw-in studs are **not** acceptable; moulded plastic or metal blades are **not** acceptable.

Prep School Dance

Dancewear may be purchased from our dance store here - <https://srp.mydancestore.co.uk/>

Dancewear A	PE Kit, white ankle socks, ballet shoes* (black for boys, pink for girls)
Dancewear B	Girls - Bluebell/Aqua skirted leotard*, ballet tights* and pink ballet shoes* Boys - Navy PE shorts, white T-shirt*, white ankle socks, black ballet shoes*
Reception	Dancewear A
Year 1	Dancewear A or B
Years 2, 3 & 4	Dancewear B
Years 5 & 6	Dancewear A or B

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Lower and Upper School (First to Fifth Form)

[Items marked with a * are not available from the School Shop]

School Uniform	
Lower and Upper School Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White shirt, standard school design▪ School tweed jacket▪ Plain-knit V-neck sweater, navy and not patterned (<i>optional</i>)▪ School tie▪ Dark charcoal grey school trousers**, worn with dark grey or black socksOr▪ School Kilt (to be worn on or below the knee) with black opaque tights or white ankle (not trainer) socks▪ Black leather shoes* which must be clean and polished and suitable for school wear (<i>no trainers, sling-backs or open toed</i>); heels should be no higher than 5cm.
Additional Clothing Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A plain navy or black coat (<i>no obvious logos</i>) may be worn in winter or the School Storm Jacket or School gilet.▪ A School scarf or a plain dark scarf and the School hat or a plain navy woollen hat may be worn outside in cold weather▪ Official School badges only, may be worn on the left lapel of the jacket.▪ Aprons - all pupils should be equipped with two school-issue aprons, a blue apron for Art and D&T and a red apron for Food
Appearance	<p>School uniform must be worn completely, correctly and tidily, and pupils must look presentable at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All pupils should have well presented hair of a natural colour and culturally conventional style.▪ Any head coverings should be black or navy in colour.▪ No visible jewellery to be worn excepting wristwatch and one pair of simple stud earrings.▪ Pupils should be prepared to tie their hair up and remove jewellery for health and safety reasons (<i>e.g. during PE/Games or a practical activity</i>).▪ Pupils nails should be natural, and kept to an appropriate length for school. Pupils should be prepared that they might need to keep their nails short for health and safety reasons (<i>e.g. PE/Games or a practical activity</i>)▪ Upper School may wear minimal make up.▪ Pupils should be clean-shaven at all times.

** School trousers should be dark charcoal grey and of a conventional business style fit. This may include; tailored, suit style, bootcut or straight designs. They must be made from trouser material and may not be cropped, leggings, skinny or stretch jersey material, etc.

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Sixth form

The emphasis of the dress code is one of *business* and all members of the Sixth Form are expected to present the school in a serious and business-like manner at all times.

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Dress Code	
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dark, non-patterned business suit, to include a matching suit jacket*▪ Formal shirt (with collar) - white or muted colour/fine striped (not required if suit dress worn)*▪ Trousers or skirt (<i>no more than 2" above or below the knee</i>) are acceptable - to include a coordinating suit jacket; or a formal suit dress and jacket*▪ Tights/socks and shoes (<i>no more than 5 cm heel</i>) should be in keeping with the business outfit worn and appropriate for wear in school. High heels and stilettos are NOT acceptable.*▪ School tie if appropriate▪ Plain v-neck sweater, dark and not patterned* (<i>optional</i>)
Additional Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sixth form pupils are allowed to wear smart, business-appropriate coats (eg navy, black, maroon, grey, camel), or the official School alternatives.▪ A School scarf or a plain dark scarf and the School hat or a plain navy woollen hat may be worn outside in cold weather▪ Official School badges only, may be worn on the left lapel of the jacket.
Appearance	<p>School uniform must be worn completely, correctly and tidily, and pupils must look presentable at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All pupils should have well presented hair of a natural colour and culturally conventional style.▪ Any head coverings should be black or navy in colour.▪ Discreet jewellery in keeping with a smart business like appearance.▪ Pupils should be prepared to tie their hair up and remove jewellery for health and safety reasons (<i>e.g. during PE/Games or a practical activity</i>).▪ Sixth Form may wear minimal make up.▪ Pupils nails should be natural, and kept to an appropriate length for school. Pupils should be prepared that they might need to keep their nails short for health and safety reasons (<i>e.g. PE/Games or a practical activity</i>)▪ Pupils should be clean-shaven at all times.

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PE/Games Kit – Senior School (1st - 6th Form)

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Games Kit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School sports T-shirt School midlayer top School contact top (Rugby), rain or storm jacket School reversible sports top (Rugby team players) School skort or shorts or leggings School tracksuit trousers School sport socks White sport ankle socks Sport tights may be worn under shorts or skort (<i>optional</i>) School running vest (<i>optional</i>) School beanie hat (<i>optional</i>) Mouth guard Shin pads* Trainers* Football/Rugby boots* (<i>if required by PE Department</i>) <p>Please see photos HERE for reference</p>	Swimming
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or navy swimming trunks (<i>loose shorts may not be worn</i>)* or Black or navy one-piece swimsuit* Black, navy or School swim cap Swimming goggles* Large towel*
	Cricket (Team players)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School cricket shirt School cricket pullover (<i>optional</i>) White cricket trousers (<i>preferred option</i>) or blue school tracksuit trousers White sport ankle socks Cricket box for boys*

Football/Rugby Boots - All boots must adhere to national safety standards. Pupils selected for School teams are likely to have their studs/blades checked by the referee: moulded plastic or metal studs are acceptable - these carry the 'kite' mark safety sticker/label; metal studs must have an approved 'IRB' safety sticker; plastic and metal screw-in studs are **not** acceptable; moulded plastic or metal blades are **not** acceptable.

Mouth Guards - Must be worn for Rugby and Hockey. Available through your dentist or via school.

Additional Items

Pencil case - all senior school pupils should have with them a [properly equipped pencil case](#) for all lessons.

Laptop - pupils from all senior school year groups should bring a suitable device to School. This [FAQs document](#) has further detail. Year 3-6 pupils may bring a suitable device but are not expected.

Aprons - pupils studying Art, D&T and Food subjects should be equipped with the appropriate school-issue aprons, a blue apron for Art and D&T and a red apron for Food (school shop £6.50). Laboratory coats are provided by the School for science lessons. Pupils studying biology or chemistry at A-level will be advised by the teachers as to requirements.

Expectations and guidance for non-uniform days

These days are popular with pupils and are held to raise money for charities such as Children in Need, Comic Relief or other local, national and international charities nominated by our pupil body. They may follow a particular theme such as World Book Day or Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils may also be permitted to occasionally wear clothes other than uniform on certain school trips.

Whilst this allows pupils the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. It is particularly important that any pupil dress on these occasions recognises that the school is still a working environment, and further that pupil dress does not give the wrong impression or cause embarrassment to staff, pupils and other members of the school community.

The following outlines our expectations that are to be met when pupils are not in school uniform:

Non-uniform day clothing is to be appropriate to the learning atmosphere

- If pupils (including male) wear t-shirts, they should cover shoulders, chest and upper arms.
- Shirts or tops must be worn at all times
- Skirts and dresses, if worn, should be no more than 6 cm above the knee
- Leggings, or shorts, if worn, must also be worn with a top that covers below the waistband of the leggings or shorts.
- Expectations regarding hair, jewellery and piercings remain the same - only simple studs, one per ear, are acceptable.
- All usual lesson equipment and/or kit should be brought to school
- Usual values regarding make-up and nails apply
- Any tattoos should not be visible.

The following items should not be worn:

- Clothing with offensive logos
- Culturally offensive outfits or costumes
- Muscle vests
- See-through clothing, for example see-through tops or vests
- Strapless or 'string-strapped' tops
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs, chests or décolletages
- Any rips or patches above the knee, on jeans

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- Flip flops, sliders or backless shoes

It is recognised that the guidance above will not cover all issues that may arise, but we trust our pupils to make appropriate decisions about what to wear to school.

On the rare occasion that a pupil may decide to wear items which have not been covered by the above bullet points, but which are against the tenor of this guidance, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will use their professional judgement to make a decision about the appropriateness of the outfit. Should a pupil not be appropriately dressed, they will either be sent home to change (with permission from a parent/carer) by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, loaned suitable clothing by the school, or held back from participation until appropriate attire is brought into school by a parent/carer. In the case of a school trip, the pupil will not be allowed to attend and any contribution made for the trip will not be refunded.

Non-uniform days and activities are a valuable aspect of our provision and part of our community, and your support in upholding the ethos of Oswestry School is very much appreciated.