

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL

PUPILS' DRESS CODE

Aim

1. The aim of this policy is to specify the regulations by which pupils are to wear uniform, or their own clothes, in and around the School. It also covers the wearing of jewellery etc.

Introduction

2. The Housey uniform is one of the School's most cherished traditions. Wherever and whenever it is worn, it must be worn with pride and with care for its neatness and cleanliness. Every pupil plays a part in contributing to the smart appearance of collective pupil body.

School uniform

3. Pupils are expected to wear their full School uniform during the working day and at all formal School occasions (i.e. lessons, chapel, breakfast, lunch, lectures, concerts). At all internal events where there are members of public, for example School theatre productions, Housey must be worn. This applies if the pupil is accompanied by family members. The wearing of uniform may also be specified by the Head Teacher for other important occasions, such as for a VIP visit to the School.
4. After lessons, pupils may change into their own clothes unless they are attending a formal occasion. These clothes should be clean and suitable for wearing at School. If a member of staff judges clothing to be inappropriate, the pupil concerned may be required to return to their boarding house to change into something more appropriate.
5. Pupils may wear a matching pair of small stud or sleeper earrings in the lower lobe of the ear, a plain ring on a finger, a wristwatch and one unobtrusive bracelet or wrist band. For safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn in games, PE lessons and in some practical subjects, for example Design and Technology.
6. Tongue studs or other facial piercings should not be worn.
7. Tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not allowed.
8. Plain black shoes, without logos or coloured trims, must be worn with uniform. Plimsolls and trainers are not allowed.
9. Scarves, hats and gloves should be in School colours or be plain navy or plain black. Scarves and hats must be removed in Chapel.
10. The Housey uniform consists of breeches for boys and skirts for girls. Pupils who feel strongly that they wish to wear breeches instead of skirts, or vice versa, must apply to the Deputy Head. Permission will be given if this promotes the positive wellbeing and welfare of the pupil.

Hair

11. The rules on hair are designed to ensure that, when gathered together for band parade or for other formal events, pupils' collective appearance is smart. Hair should be clean and tidy. When wearing uniform, pupils with long hair, below shoulder length, should tie it back or up using a black or dark blue band or dark clip. Beads worn on braids should be gold, silver or black; no other hair ornaments should be used. Extreme hair styles, for example shaved areas, are not allowed. Dyed hair and/or hair extensions or braids should be natural shades (brown, black, blonde, ginger, auburn), not unnatural colours (purple, scarlet, blue etc.), and should be reasonably uniform in shade. Pupils' hair should not be cut below a grade 1.5 cut and should not be longer than waist-length.
12. Make up with uniform is not allowed. Nail varnish, whilst wearing uniform, is not allowed.

Facial hair

13. Pupils must be free of facial hair, unless a documented medical condition is an underlying cause.

Dress in Dining Hall

14. The following dress is required in Dining Hall:
 - for breakfast and lunch from Monday to Saturday – School uniform;
 - for tea and on Sunday – own clothes.
15. Pupils' own clothes worn in the Dining Hall must be of an acceptable standard. Pupils who feel unsure about whether an item of dress is suitable for Dining Hall should seek guidance from their houseparents in the first instance. It should be noted that:
 - hats and caps should not be worn; headscarves and durags may be worn;
 - appropriate footwear should be worn;
 - clean, School issued sports kit is acceptable.

Informal situations

Pupils are at liberty to wear their own clothes outside of formal School commitments. These clothes should be clean and appropriate. If a staff member judges clothing or jewellery to be inappropriate for any setting, the pupil concerned may be asked to return to their boarding house to change.

Reminder

What is an acceptable standard is at the discretion of staff, and pupils are expected to comply with staff's instructions on dress. If a pupil is concerned about a ruling made by a member of staff, they should raise the matter with their houseparent, at the next opportunity.

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