DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT LEARNERS IN AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

## Connaught School

for Girls


## UNIFORM POLICY

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## Introduction

1. The school promotes excellence, resilience and inclusiveness in everything its students undertake. The uniform and appearance of our students will support the ethos of our school; providing the pupils with pride to be part of the school and enabling them to act as ambassadors for the school.
2. High standards of presentation are required at all times when wearing the school uniform. Whenever the school uniform is worn, it must be complete and not mixed with non-uniform clothing. This includes when travelling to and from school.

## Aims

3. To set out the school's guidelines for uniform.
4. To support the vision and values of the school.

## Who is responsible for this policy?

5. The Governing Board has overall responsibility for the effective operation of this policy and for ensuring compliance with the relevant statutory framework. The Governing Board has delegated day-to-day responsibility for operating the policy to the Headteacher.
6. The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team have a specific responsibility to ensure the fair application of this policy and all members of staff are responsible for supporting colleagues and ensuring its success.

## Uniform guide

7. Appendix 1 sets out the school uniform requirements. The items listed in Appendix 1 are compulsory for all students (unless otherwise indicated). Specified items should be purchased from the approved uniform retailer. Other items can be bought at a variety of retailers.
8. A different dress code may be required for school events. Such variations for all non-uniform events will be clearly specified and communicated to parents and pupils.

## Personal appearance

9. Long nails, nail varnish, make-up and eyelash extensions are prohibited.
10. No jewellery may be worn other than (unless otherwise agreed on grounds of faith e.g. Sikh Kara) :

- a small wristwatch
- Up to two small studs in each ear
- One small nose piercing

11. No form of facial piercing, including the tongue are not allowed.
12. No piercings are allowed during PE lessons or sports events.
13. Plasters covering any piercings are not allowed.
14. No adornments or embellishments to the school uniform are allowed, This includes badges, embroidery and beads or any changes to the colour or style of the uniform.
15. Hair must be kept tidy. Extremes of style and colour are not permitted - no pink, green, blue or burgundy coloured hair.
16. If make up is worn, it must be light and discreet
17. Braid accessories e.g. silver/gold clips/beads are not allowed.
18. Hair ties and headbands must be navy or black and small and discreet.

## School bag/pencil case/stationery bag

18. School bags, pencil cases or stationery bags must not display offensive or political images or slogans.

## Mobile phones

19. Mobile phones must remain out of sight and switched off at all times on the school premises.
20. Earpods and headphones must remain out of sight unless students have been instructed to use in lessons by a member of staff.

## Banned items

21. Tablet computers and electronic gaming equipment must not be brought into the school.
22. Hoodies, sweatshirt and sports tops must not be worn, either underneath or on top of the school blazer.
23. Denim and leather jackets must not be worn.
24. Leggings/trousers must not be worn under school skirts.

## Financial support

25. Families who are experiencing genuine hardship and require support to purchase the uniform should contact the school. The school has a selection of pre-loved items that are available.

## Breaches of uniform code

26. Uniforms will be checked on a daily basis to ensure they conform to the policy and that students look smart and well presented. In the event that a student has the wrong uniform, the teacher or member of staff will challenge the student and instruct them to address the issue.
27. For significant and deliberate breaches of the uniform code, the matter will be referred and the student will be isolated at break and lunchtimes.
28. If a prohibited or offensive item (such as an offensive image or slogan on stationery) is brought into school, the item will be confiscated. This includes mobile phones which are seen or and/or heard on the school premises. (Also see Behaviour Policy).

## Monitoring, evaluation and review

29. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.
30. The Governing Board will monitor the operation and effectiveness of arrangements referred to in this policy at the school.
31. The Governing board will review this policy every three years in consultation with the school.

## Appendix 1: School uniform

| School Main Uniform | Purchase From |
| :--- | :--- |
| Navy blue blazer with school logo embroidered on the pocket | Approved retailer only |
| Plain white cotton shirt, long or short sleeved | Choice of retailers |
| Optional navy blue v necked jumper (no school logo required) | Choice of retailers |
| Tie (KS3 navy with gold stripes/KS4 gold with navy stripes). <br> To be worn to the skirt/trouser waistband. | Approved retailer only |
| Navy blue kilt style skirt (shortest length - just above the <br> knee, longest length - ankle) or navy blue tailored trousers <br> with a waistband (no belt) | Approved retailer only |
| Plain navy or black socks (above ankle or knee length) or <br> plain navy or black tights | Choice of retailer |
| Shoes - flat, black, polishable and of a sensible design and <br> without adornments. No boots, pumps or sandals. Shoes should <br> not come above the ankle bone. No trainers or 'Vans/Converse' <br> style plimsolls. | Choice of retailer |
| Religious observance <br> Plain navy blue headscarf secured discreetly and no longer than <br> shoulder length. Must not have any embroidery, patterns, <br> trimmings or edgings. Headscarves can be purchased from the <br> school. <br> White stretchy sports hijab only to be worn for PE. | Hijab can be purchased <br> from the school |


| School PE Uniform KS3 | Purchase From |
| :--- | :--- |
| Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms. No stripes/logos. | Choice of retailers |
| Plain white polo shirt - short or long sleeves. |  |
| Plain navy zip fleece or round necked sweatshirt (no hoods) |  |
| White sports ankle socks. |  |

Trainers. No plimsolls or Vans/Converse plimsoll style.

| School PE Uniform KS4 | Purchase From |
| :--- | :--- |
| As for KS3 | Choice of retailers |
| Or white or navy round necked t shirt |  |
| Black/navy lycra sports leggings |  |
| Plain navy zip fleece or round necked sweatshirt (no hoods) |  |
| Students must wear: |  |
| White sports ankle socks |  |
| Trainers. No plimsolls or Vans/Converse plimsoll style. |  |

## Approved retailer

Speedstitch Ltd
32 Walthamstow Business Centre, E17 4SX.Tel: 02085314800 or online at www.speedstitch.co.uk

