



WHITELANDS ACADEMY

SHARED AMBITION, SHARED SUCCESS

Uniform Guide

2021-2022

UNIFORM AND SUCCESS

We aim for every Whitelands student to strive for excellence and success in all that they do, ensuring a consistently smart school uniform is one of the foundations for high standards in all aspects of school life. This includes and promotes a positive work ethic and personal pride. First impressions do count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance we aim to prepare our students to thrive in the world of work. Our uniform guide is designed to help provide clarity around our expectations.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Boys	Girls
School blazer with badge*	School blazer with badge*
Charcoal grey school trousers	Knee-length Whitelands Kilt*
School tie*	School tie*
White school shirt	White school shirt
V-necked school-edition jumper (optional)*	V-necked school-edition jumper (optional)*
Plain black socks	Plain black socks or plain black tights
Black traditional school shoes	Black traditional school shoes

PE Kit

Boys	Girls
Navy/scarlet sports top*	Navy/scarlet sports top *
Navy/scarlet polo shirt*	Navy/scarlet polo shirt*
Navy/scarlet shorts*	Navy/scarlet skort*
Navy/scarlet sports socks*	Navy/scarlet sports socks*
Navy blue unbranded track suit bottoms (optional)**	Navy blue unbranded track suit bottoms (optional)**
Short white socks	Short white socks
Football boots	Football boots
Trainers (no black soles)	Trainers (no black soles)
Towel (optional)	Towel (optional)
Gum shield and shin pads	Gum shield and shin pads

*These items can be purchased through <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/whitelands-academy/>

**Track suit bottoms can be purchased through the school website or from elsewhere but must be unbranded and navy blue

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Labelling clothing

With a growing school community it is very important that families label the uniform of children. Through human error things will occasionally get misplaced so having a label clearly identifying the name of the student will help minimise the risk of loss. Particular items include blazer, coat(s), jumper, tie and especially PE kit.

Coats

When required, students are expected to wear a coat to school. No hoodies or sports clothing classed as an outdoor coat will be allowed.

Blazer

The blazer is a symbol of our school identity. Students are expected to wear their school blazers every day and at all times in corridors and classrooms, unless given permission by a member of staff to remove it. The school jumper is not to be worn in place of the blazer (no cardigans).

Trousers

Denim, corduroy, chino, tapered, skinny-jean style or skin-tight style trousers are not permitted. Students are expected to wear charcoal grey trousers which sit smartly at the waist and on the ankle/shoe line.

Kilt

There is an official kilt for girls and it must be worn no more than a credit-card width above or below the knee. The waist band must not be rolled-over.

Footwear

We expect our students to wear 'traditional', well-constructed, weather-proof, leather or leather-type shoes with a low heel. Trainers – black or otherwise, including popular designs such as Converse or Vans-style shoes – are not acceptable. Please refer to the images of unacceptable footwear later in the guide to avoid confusion.

Necklaces

Any necklace must be worn underneath the shirt and be easily removable for PE lessons (for health and safety reasons).

Henna tattoos

Henna tattoos are not permitted to be visible at any time whilst in school, including during PE lessons.

Piercings

Students may wear one plain metal stud or small metal ear-ring (no larger than 1cm diameter) in each earlobe. No other jewellery is permitted other than for cultural/religious reasons, where clarification should be sought from the school. All piercings must be removed during PE or sports activities.

Make-up and nails

Make-up, nail varnish/paint/gel or fake nails are not permitted at school.

Hair Styles

Students' hair styles should not be extreme (e.g. shaved in parts and long elsewhere) and hair should be natural in colour.

Headgear

Hats, caps and other headgear should not be worn indoors. They should only be worn to keep the head warm during the winter or to protect from the sun in the summer. Cultural headscarves should be plain black.

Cycle Helmets

Students who choose to cycle to school must wear a cycle helmet to and from school. They may take off their helmet once they have locked their bike, but must put it back on before removing their bikes from the bike sheds.

Footwear

The school expects students to wear 'formal' leather or leather-type shoes as part of the uniform. This can cause some confusion since the term can be subjective. However, to avoid any confusion we have included a number of examples which are not appropriate for school. Please help support us by ensuring your child attends the school wearing acceptable shoes.

		
Converse (or equivalent) leather or canvas boot	Vans (or equivalent) canvas or leather style trainer	Nike (or other manufactures) trainers
		
Dr Martins boots (or equivalent boots)	Suede studded shoes	Adidas (or equivalent) leather trainer

Special considerations

We understand that sometimes our uniform can provide challenges for example through religious requirements of special educational needs. If this applies to you we ask parents to contact us to discuss the circumstances and agree a way forward.



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