



1. Policy Statement

Bournemouth Collegiate School acknowledges that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. We believe that a smart uniform can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressure to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

BCS ensures that the uniform policy is fair and reasonable and that the uniform chosen is practical, comfortable, appropriate and affordable. Our school has regard to its obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998.

BCS is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this Uniform policy is non-discriminatory in line with the UK Equality Act (2010). Further details are available in the school's Equal Opportunity Policy document.

This policy is applicable to all pupils in both senior and prep schools, including those in boarding and EYFS and BCS seeks to implement this policy through adherence to the procedures set out in the rest of this document.

In line with our Provision of Information policy, this document is available to all interested parties on our website and on request from the Senior school and Prep school offices and should be read in conjunction with the following documents: Behaviour, Home-School Agreement.

This document is reviewed annually by the Assistant Head (Pastoral) at the Prep and Deputy Head (Pastoral and Discipline) at the Senior Site or as events or legislation change requires. The next scheduled date for review is June 2020.

2. Procedures

Pupils are expected to arrive and depart from school presented in the correct uniform and this includes outdoor clothing.

Uniform Kindergarten – Year 11

A complete uniform list including sportswear and outdoor clothing is clearly outlined on the School Uniform list which can be obtained via the school website or upon request from the school office.

The uniform can be obtained from Stevensons, 148-150 Seabourne Road, Bournemouth, BH5 2JA or via their online service. www.stevensons.co.uk

Footwear

Pupils should wear flat, black leather shoes of sensible design to protect and support the feet. No trainers, canvas pumps or stiletto heels.

Sixth Form Dress Code

The dress code for Sixth Form students is “smart business attire”. This means that students are expected to wear business suits.

For boys, this equates to: a collared shirt and tie, smart trousers, a blazer style jacket or a suit. Male students are expected to have shirts tucked in, top buttons done up and ties pulled up to the collar at all times. Outdoor coats should not be worn inside school buildings.

Girls will be expected to wear either a knee length skirt with a blouse/shirt and a fitted jacket, or a knee length dress or tailored trousers.

Both should wear smart leather style shoes.

A Sixth Form Suit is available from our school uniform suppliers, Stevensons.

Ethnic variations, Religious clothing and symbols

Appropriate consideration is given, where feasible and desired, for pupils with special dress or religious observance requirements or needs because of religious or cultural background. The wearing of a headscarf or hijab, for religious reasons, is permitted but should be of a dark colour, navy or black. Garments covering the face or whole body, for example, the abaya and niqab are not permitted.

Hair, Jewellery and make up

Female hair must be out of eyes. Long hair must be tied securely back off the face. Hair ties, scrunchies and head bands should be navy blue only. Male hair should be of a conservative style being not too short either at sides, back or all over (i.e. at least No. 2 clippers). Neither should it be of a length requiring tying up. Neither male or female pupils should dye their hair an extreme/unnatural colour.

No make-up may be worn until Y10, when only a discreet amount may be worn. No tattoos or body art are permitted. Clear or nude nail varnish can be worn.

Female pupils may not wear any visible piercings, except for a plain gold or silver stud earring in the lower lobe of each ear (this needs to be removed or covered for PE/games). No bracelets, rings, bangles, chains may be worn. Male pupils should not have any visible piercings.

Tattoos

Under UK legislation, tattoos are not permitted for people under the age of 18.

Health and Safety protective clothing

Science, DT and art overalls together with protective goggles are provided by BCS when necessary.

Non-Uniform Events

If pupils are not expected to wear uniform because of a charity event or because they are on a trip their clothing should be appropriate for the working environment/activities that they are taking part in.

Examples of unacceptable clothing items are: cropped tops, low cut vest tops, strapless tops, very short skirts or shorts, ripped jeans and flip flops. At the Senior Site shorts are not permitted and the midriff should not be visible. Tee shirts or accessories should not display extreme/offensive comments.

Role of Parents

We ask parents to support the school in reinforcing the school uniform policy and to ensure that the uniform is clean and smart. If there is a genuine reason why a pupil cannot wear the correct uniform, parents are requested to inform the school in writing.

Enforcement of this policy

It is the responsibility of the Headmaster, Head of Prep and all staff to monitor and enforce the uniform as part of the day to day running of the school. Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform. Pupils found not to be wearing the correct school uniform will be dealt with in the first instance by their form tutor/class teacher.

Senior pupils not wearing their uniform correctly will be given a lunchtime detention in Room 9. If a pupil receives 3 uniform detentions over a period of time, a one hour afterschool detention on a Friday will be given. Excessive jewellery will be confiscated and kept securely in the pastoral office. If the problem persists the school will contact parents and, if necessary, will be required to collect their child.