

Harrogate Grammar School – Uniform Policy 2023-24

In the Summer term of 2022, we reviewed our uniform policy, in line with the new statutory guidance released in November 2021. We considered the views of students in terms of comfort, via consultation with the school Senate and our Student leadership team. We sought the views of parents and carers regarding affordability, quality, and the accessibility of second-hand uniform.

Before this consultation took place, we benchmarked the costs of the HGS uniform against four other local secondary schools. The girls' uniform cost was in the middle of the benchmarking exercise. Whilst the boys uniform cost was at the top by £5, due to the cost of the trousers. The parental consultation suggested, however, that parents appreciated the quality of these trousers and their wearability as a result. They explained that they would not want to compromise on this quality. Boys' trousers are also the most donated item of second-hand uniform and therefore we have good supplies of them for families to access.

As an outcome of our review of uniform, the following steps have been taken:

- We have given feedback to our uniform suppliers to ensure the quality of the PE socks. This was the only item the parental group felt was not of high quality and therefore did not last as well. There is a brand which is of better quality available, both suppliers will be asked to stock this brand.
- We have given feedback to our uniform suppliers about the need for a range of different cuts of trousers, following feedback around different lengths and fits being available.
- We have given feedback to our uniform suppliers on being sensitive in their support to families when buying uniform, with regards to advice being gender neutral.
- We have introduced an optional black jumper, after feedback from students that this would be a more popular choice than the current grey version. This will provide greater comfort during the winter months when students feel cold. This will be available in our uniform suppliers from September, and we will continue to allow students to wear any existing grey ones.
- We will ensure that all students and families understand that girls are permitted to wear the black shorts with the HGS logo, which are unisex **or** the black/red Skort with the HGS logo.
- We are taking steps to raise awareness and provide more regular second-hand uniform sales through our PTA. These have been very successful, and we have a significant stock of second hand uniform available.
- We are exploring opportunities to work in conjunction with a local charity shop, to ensure there is a stock of HGS uniform widely available, to meet any need between the school uniform sales.
- As part of our work on sustainability, we are encouraging all students to donate any old items of uniform and to have at least one item of second-hand uniform next year.
- We encourage any family who needs support in this area to make direct contact with their child's year manager, who will be able to help with sourcing uniform supplies.
- We reviewed the proposal from students to have a summer uniform, but they understood that this would result in higher costs to families and pressure on students to have a separate, summer uniform. Following discussion on this at Senate, the students agreed this would not be in the spirit of the importance of affordability coming through the statutory guidance. We also clarified that our summer uniform, involves permission to remove blazer and ties. Further to this in extreme weather, we can make a further adjustment involving permission for students not to wear tights.
- Parental feedback suggested that the need for 3 different ties, linked to Key Stages was an unnecessary additional cost and recommended a tie per year group cohort. This has been implemented for September 2023, with a new tie for each year group, which would then run through with them until Year 11.







Uniform Year 7-11





All Harrogate Grammar School students must wear school uniform, as pictured below.

Why?





- Wearing our school uniform shows pride in belonging to Harrogate Grammar School.
- Our school uniform means everyone is treated fairly as our expectations apply to all students.
- Putting on our school uniform places students in the frame of mind to learn.
- Our uniform helps prepare young people for the professional world they will join after education.
- Students act as ambassadors for Harrogate Grammar School when they wear the uniform and therefore our expectations extend to travel to and from school.

What?

Item	What this looks like	
Blazer		Black with HGS badge
Shirt		Plain white, capable of being worn with a tie. Your shirt must be always tucked in, and the top button fastened.
Tie	 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	From September 2023 there is a different tie for each year group, this tie will stay with the student until they leave in year 11.
Jumper (Optional)		Black or grey with HGS logo. The blazer must be worn over the jumper.
Trousers/Skirt		Black Trousers with HGS Logo (please enquire with our uniform suppliers about different fittings available) or Black pleated skirt, worn so the HGS logo is visible
Socks/Tights		Black Only Socks can only be worn with trousers Tights can only be worn with skirts

Shoes		Black, flat shoes. No boots, trainers or canvas pumps
School bag		Suitable for carrying your books and iPad
Jewellery (Optional)		Maximum of two plain studs may be worn in each ear. One plain ring may be worn on each hand.
Cyclists (Optional)		Students should wear a cycle helmet and reflective clothing. They must bring a secure locking device and place the bicycle in the designated shelter.

PE Kit

Item	What this looks like	
Polo shirt		Black/red with HGS logo
Rugby shirt*		Black/red with HGS logo
Skort/Shorts		Black/red skort with HGS logo Or Black shorts with HGS logo
Trousers (Optional)		Black leggings with HGS logo Or Plain black tracksuit bottoms or with HGS logo

Hooded top (Optional)		Black/red with HGS logo
Base layer/thermal skin (Optional)		Plain black/red or with HGS logo
Socks		Black/red socks with HGS logo (Outdoor) or white sports sock (Indoor)
Shoes		Trainers Studded football boots *
Protective equipment *		Shin pads Gum shield

*Necessary depending on current activity

All uniform must be labelled with the student's name.

Expectations

- Wear your uniform correctly.
- Wear your uniform smartly.
- Hair should be a natural colour and you should avoid extreme styles.
- If you wear a coat, it must be appropriate and not worn once in school.
- If an item of clothing is not on the list above, you should not be wearing it.

How?

All uniform items are available from [Rawcliffes](#) and [Emblazon](#). Throughout the summer months, both shops are taking bookings for in-store appointments.

The PTA also has pre-worn uniform available to purchase. Termly sales take place in the school car park and are promoted through social media and the school bulletin. Alternatively contact: hgspta@hgs.rklt.co.uk