



**EXETER ROAD**  
*Thrive, Care, Succeed*

**UNIFORM POLICY**

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## 1. Introduction

A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone” (DfE, May 2012). TCS values uniform as it can instill pride, positive behaviour, a sense of belonging and adoption of the school ethos. It is our expectation that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, on the journey to and from school and when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours.

The school governors ask parents/carers to ensure that all pupils from years 7 to 11 wear the school uniform and have the right kit for PE. Students in TCS 6 are expected to follow the sixth form dress code.

## 2. Other Policies

Other policies to be read in conjunction with this policy:

- Behaviour for Learning policy

## 3. Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- protects pupils from pressures to conform with fashion trends
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils
- creates a sense of community and belonging across the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies pupils with the school
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prepares pupils for the world of work
- promotes health and safety

## 4. Duties of School, Pupils and Parents/Carers

### 4.1 Principles

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school in the correct uniform. TCS ER will make every effort to promote good uniform and support where needed, including part-funding when necessary.

### 4.2 What will happen if a pupil cannot wear the correct uniform to school?

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason we ask that parents or carers write/email a note to the tutor to explain the reason why. If the child simply doesn't have the right uniform, they should report to the BFL room where they will be issued with clean uniform on a temporary loan basis. Parent/carer and school need to agree a date for the child to have their own uniform.

### 4.3 What will happen if a pupil chooses to wear incorrect uniform to school?

On occasions where the pupil refuses to correct the uniform, it will be treated as significant defiance and sanctions will apply as per the school behaviour policy. Incorrect items such as hoodies will be confiscated until the end of the day and can be collected by pupils at the end of the day from the BST office. No pupil will be permitted to attend mainstream lessons unless in correct school uniform, unless under exceptional circumstances.

#### 4.4 Where can you purchase the uniform?

School uniform can be purchased from our online retailer, Trutex. Details of this are available on our website. Pupils can try on sample sizes to check before ordering. Parents/ carers should contact Student Services to arrange this.

#### 4.5 Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per this policy
- Support school sanctions for incorrect uniform
- Ensure your child brings the correct equipment to school
- Ensure your child has an adequate bag appropriate for school
- Remember to label all items of clothing with the child's name and class/tutor group

At TCS ER we recognise that most students may be mature enough to take responsibility for wearing the correct uniform; however, we would appreciate parental support in ensuring students are supplied with the correct uniform and equipment, and are encouraged to follow the school uniform policy.

### 5. What is our uniform?

- Plain white formal school shirt, long or short sleeved.
- TCS tie - the point of the tie must touch the waistband of the trousers/skirt, and the knot must cover the fastened top button of the shirt
- Black V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo\*.
- Plain black full length tailored trousers (not clinging or made from stretch fabric; jeans, leggings and chinos are not appropriate school wear); or a plain, black official TCS logo skirt\* (logo should be visible at all times and skirts must not exceed two inches above the knee); or plain, black, official TCS logo shorts. Shorts and skirts must be worn with black or white ankle length socks and correct school shoes.
- Plain black or dark belt if required.
- Students in Years 9 – 11 wear the TCS blazer with logo\*
- Socks: black or white socks should be worn with trousers; white or black ankle length socks can be worn with skirts or shorts. Black tights can be worn with skirts (no tights/ legging/sock combination). Socks must **not** be worn over tights; black socks may be worn beneath tights but should not be visible.
- Plain black polishable school shoes of sensible design (trainers, plimsolls and other varieties of canvas shoes are not deemed to be safe or appropriate footwear). All shoes must have a flat sole. Boots are acceptable if they are plain black and worn inside trousers. Boots must not be worn with skirts. (See appendix for examples).

- Plain waterproof coat (no hoodies, **sweatshirts of any kind** or casual jackets such as leather or denim).
- Scarfs, hats and gloves may be worn outdoors between October Half Term and Easter break.

## PE KIT

- Navy and sky polo shirt with logo (for indoor activities)^
- Black shorts (not lycra) ^
- Black long sports socks ^
- TCS red and white reversible rugby shirt for outside activities^
- Optional navy/sky blue hoody^
- Sports trainers for indoor use only: trainers must have non-marking soles, be clean and solely used for indoor use. Dance and gym lessons require bare feet (a specialist sock should be worn in cases of medical concerns).
- Football boots with rounded moulded studs or astro-turf specific trainers for use on the 3G astro-turf facility. These may also be worn on the field when the ground is firm
- Football boots with screw in plastic or metal safety studs for use on the field when the ground is soft
- Shin pads^
- Gum shield^
- Black full length tracksuit bottoms/ sports leggings may be worn as an alternative to shorts for some activities, at the discretion of the teacher

## 6. General Uniform Expectations

- Students are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their studies.
- Students in Years 9-11 should wear their blazer at all times including on the way to and from school. Permitted times to *not* wear a blazer are:
  - When outdoors at break and lunch time
  - When it is officially hot as directed by the Principal
  - When a class teacher allows students to take blazers off during lessons.
- The only tops permitted to be worn under the blazer are the white formal school shirt and school jumper/cardigan.
- A plain coat can be worn over the blazer in cold/wet weather.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No hats or caps may be worn in school buildings unless for medical reasons. However students are permitted to wear a plain sun hat/cap for PE and other outside activities on sunny days, for protection.
- Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines and not cut shorter than a grade 2. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted. Hair accessories should be minimal and discreet.
- Jewellery should be minimal and discreet: Ear piercings - studs only. No hoops, bars or stretchers. 1 small ring - that must be removed for practical lessons (e.g. PE, Science, Technology). Nose or facial: clear, flat retainer is permitted. No bracelets (excluding medical reasons). If a pupil refuses to remove prohibited jewellery as above, it will be treated as significant defiance and sanctions will apply as per the school behaviour policy.
- Aprons: To protect students' clothing, aprons are required for Technology.

- Headphones: For reasons of hygiene, it is an advantage for students to have their own headphones but they must be kept out of sight unless being used in lesson.
- Goggles: There are sufficient goggles to ensure safety in the laboratories, but parents may wish to purchase an individual pair for their own children.
- Students are also expected to bring a reading book each day.

## 7. TCS 6 DRESS CODE

At TCS 6 our code is 'smart casual'. Students are expected to dress at all times in a manner that is fitting for a maturing young person in a professional environment. We realise that one of the attractions of being a sixth former is the privilege of wearing your own clothes rather than a uniform; we therefore do not specify what is permissible within the parameters of 'smart casual'. However, the following items are deemed not acceptable:

- Dirty or ripped clothing;
- Offensive slogans;
- Revealing tops, shorts or skirts
- Bare midriffs;
- Ostentatious jewelry;
- Hoods, caps and hats on school site, unless for medical reasons.

All TCS 6 students are required to wear their TCS 6 lanyard and ID Badge at all times.

## 8. EQUIPMENT

### 7.1 General

Parents/carers should ensure their child arrives at school each day with the correct equipment in a bag/rucksack capable of holding all necessary equipment and school books.

For all lessons, pupils need a

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Case
- School bag
- Sharpener
- Calculator
- Water bottle
- For geography, mathematics, science and technology, a compass, protractor and scientific calculator (with sin, cos and tan keys) are necessary. These are all available to buy from the school.
- Any books or equipment loaned to students for use at home or in school must be cared for and returned at the end of the period of loan.
- Reading book

### 7.2 Technology

- All Students studying Design Technology are expected to provide their own apron for Design Technology: These are sold at the School shop for approximately £5:00.
- For reasons of safety it is expected that students do not wear open toed footwear in the department- Applicable for Years 7-13.
- All students are expected to tie back long hair and ensure they have no loose hanging jewelry which may cause an entrapment or hygiene issue.
- Automotive Engineering pupils in Years 9-12 are expected to provide and wear steel toecap boots and overalls: These can be ordered through the department for approximately £25:00.
- Catering students in Years 9-11 are expected to provide and wear chefs whites. These can be ordered through the department for approximately £25:00.

\* There is a voluntary contribution to the Art & Photography department of £20 from Years 9-13 for consumable materials.

## **9. LOST PROPERTY**

If you would like to enquire about an item of lost clothing please go to the Student Services Office to check if it has been handed to office staff. If you find any lost property, please take it to the Student Services Office. Any lost property which remains unclaimed by the end of the half term will be donated to a local charity shop.