



SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (ACADEMY)

School Aims

South Wilts is a progressive grammar school for girls which aims to maintain high academic standards and cultural achievement within a caring environment. We seek to encourage responsibility and personal fulfilment so that students attain their maximum potential. The School is dynamic and works with the community to prepare its students for life-long learning and adult independence.

South Wilts Grammar School values and respects all students equally and aims to provide equality of opportunity wherever possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (Years 7-11) and Sixth Form Dress Code

General principles

The school believes that the appearance of the members of its community is important. Young people come to school not merely for academic input but also to absorb an ethos and culture which is reflected in the code of conduct, general behaviour and expectations.

All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times during the school day. This includes to and from school as well as during some school organised events. We expect all students to wear the uniform with pride and to conduct themselves appropriately when representing the school. This also applies when students are off site and in the school community. Students have a responsibility to comply with this Uniform Policy. All garments should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Wearing a school uniform goes a long way towards eradicating social and economic differences between students. The school is a community to which all students belong and with which all students are identified and wearing a uniform contributes to the development of this community ethos. Certain items of clothing can pose health and safety risks, most particularly in practical lessons such as PE, technology and science but also generally around the school. A clear uniform policy takes account of such issues and ensures that students are not put at risk unnecessarily by wearing inappropriate dress. Wearing a uniform helps to prepare students for these future expectations. Having a smart appearance within school is one factor among many which assists in instilling an awareness of, and appreciation for, maintaining high standards generally

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Through our uniform policy we aim:

- to encourage pride in the school;
- to encourage a sense of equality and cohesion;

- to protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- to ensure that no student feels excluded because of different social, religious and ethnic backgrounds
- to support teaching and learning;
- to clearly be able to identify students inside and outside the school;
- to ensure that all members of the community (parents, staff and students) clearly understand the uniform requirements;
- to ensure that students observe the uniform requirements by consistent and regular monitoring by all staff;
- to liaise with parents on infringements of uniform requirements, seeking their co-operation;
- to ensure that any family in financial difficulty should be made aware of the support available through the school for the provision of uniform and to guarantee that any such help is offered discreetly and sensitively.

Practice

Uniform requirements are clearly described in all information to prospective parents, and are included in the school prospectus. Parents are reminded of the expected standards through the school newsletter. Students are reminded verbally by Form Tutors at regular intervals and there is a copy of the uniform requirements for each year in Student Planners.

Form Tutors monitor the appearance of their tutor group on an ongoing basis, making note of recurrent offenders and taking appropriate action, including completing a uniform infringement form. Subject teachers monitor classes within lessons, dealing with minor infringements immediately and referring more serious or repeated infringements to the Form Tutor. All staff share the responsibility for monitoring and maintaining the uniform regulations in and around the school site and any member of staff can complete a uniform infringement form. Parents will be notified in writing if their child regularly fails to comply with the uniform policy and if this continues the school will issue student sanctions.

Parents, who choose to send their children to the school knowing the requirements regarding uniform, are expected to conform to these requirements unless there are extenuating circumstances e.g. religious custom and practice, specific physical disability. These should be discussed with the Senior Deputy Head. The Governing Body may make reasonable adjustments to the uniform for an individual to comply with the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010.

Purchases

For information regarding the purchasing of school uniform, the opening times of the school uniform shop and the costs per item, refer to the school website: www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk. The school will ensure that regular tendering for suppliers of the school uniform is undertaken every three years, to guarantee best value.

School Uniform Years 7 -9

ITEM	DETAILS
Coat or Jacket (May be waterproof)	Appropriate coat No denim or inappropriate logos. Only SWGS PE sweatshirts/hoodies allowed (not team or trip hoodies/sweatshirts)
Skirt	<i>Winter:</i> Green and navy kilt <i>Summer:</i> Lightweight green and navy kilt (<u>optional</u> in Terms 1, 5 and 6) Length must be no more than a hand's width above the knee
Shirt	Short-sleeved navy blue polo shirt with school logo
Sweater	Green v-neck with school logo
Tights	Navy, dark green, black or flesh coloured – must be plain – no grey
Socks	Plain navy, black, white or dark green short or under the knee
Shoes	Black sensible plain leather low-heeled shoes (NOT boots, trainers, trainer look alike shoes, sandals, cloth or canvas shoes of any kind)
PE Kit	
PE bag	PE bag of strong material, marked with owner's name on the outside
PE shoes	Trainers suitable for netball and general PE
PE socks	Long dark green socks in winter – short white socks in summer
PE skort	Bottle green PE Skort
PE shirt	Green/white PE game shirt with school logo
PE sweatshirt	Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt with school logo <i>Students have the option of this crew neck sweatshirt or the hoody</i>
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PE leggings	Black leggings
Optional Items: PE tracksuit	Navy Blue or black tracksuit – useful during winter
PE baselayer	Navy blue baselayer top with school logo
PE shorts	Appropriate shorts with agreement of PE department
PE Sports bag	Sports bag with school logo
	Gum shields and shin pads for hockey and rugby (strongly recommended)
	School hockey sticks and other equipment can be used during lessons. School team players may wish to buy their own as they progress, but it is not compulsory.

- Jewellery should be limited to one pair of small stud earrings (no drop or loop earrings), a small ring and one *plain* chain. Excess jewellery will be confiscated;

valuable items may be collected from reception at the end of the day. All jewellery to be removed for PE.

- No other piercings are allowed. New piercings which cannot be removed are not suitable for school and will need to be covered.
- Hair styles/colours must be plain – no extremes of fashion or colour.
- No make-up or nail varnish is allowed at KS3, except with permission in exceptional circumstances.
- Scarves, outdoor coats or SWGS PE hoodies or sweatshirts must not be worn in lessons or tutor time.
- All uniform and personal items brought to school (e.g. purses and school bags) **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED** with name tapes or indelible ink on tape.
- **PE sweatshirts or hoodies** will have unique pupil numbers embroidered on them (done by the uniform provider).
- All other PE kit must have sew-on name tapes.
- Cycle helmets **are strongly recommended** for those who cycle to school.

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- Hair styles/colours must be plain – no extremes of fashion or colour.
- At Key Stage 4 we recognise that there is a difference between make up used to cover up a variety of skin problems, and which can positively contribute to a feeling of self-confidence, and prominent, noticeable make up applied to the skin, lips or eyes. The former is acceptable and the latter which includes eyeliner, heavy mascara, eye shadow, eyebrow liner and lipstick or gloss is not acceptable for school wear. No nail varnish is allowed.
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School Dress for the Sixth Form

Dress code – appropriate for a place of work ...

A privilege of being a Sixth Form student at SWGS is the absence of a uniform. Instead pupils are permitted to dress with individuality but are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate for a place of work – essentially, smart-casual. That is, it should be clean and tidy; it should be inoffensive and should enable you to move around school safely. Guidelines include:

- Smart jeans/trousers/dress/skirt
- Appropriate skirt/dress length
- One unobtrusive nose stud only
- Tattoos must be covered
- If you are wearing a strappy top, low-cut top or have a bare midriff, we will ask you to wear a cardigan or other appropriate top
- Sportswear is only appropriate for sport unless given permission by the teacher on each occasion
- No offensive slogans or images
- For health and safety reasons, you cannot wear flip-flops

Reviewed by	Date of Review / approval	Review cycle	Next Review Date	Statutory / Non statutory	Website
Curriculum	18.9.17	3 yearly	Autumn 2020	Non statutory	Yes