



Sir Graham Balfour School

Member of Sir Graham Balfour Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very pleased to send you all the details you will need in order to source our new school uniform from the start of term in September. The plans and consultation for the uniform have been taking place for a year or so and we are very happy now that we have taken everyone's views into consideration and come up with a uniform which answers the key concerns of both students and parents. These concerns, just to remind you, were that our students wanted a smarter uniform which put them on an even footing with students from the other Stafford schools; parents wanted more choice in suppliers, thus ensuring that there was a range of price options.

Our new uniform will be worn by all students from Year 7 to Year 10. We are very happy to say that the school will provide all students with their first tie and iron on badge (applicable to parents who purchase a non embroidered blazer) free of charge. For those who buy the embroidered blazer from Crested Schoolwear, the cost is discounted for the price of the badge, again covered by the school. Next year's Year 11 students will *not* be expected to buy the new uniform, but will be required to wear the current uniform correctly for the whole of the year. Of course, they are more than welcome to wear the new uniform if they wish. The school shop will continue to take orders for items of the current uniform for parents to buy.

With regard to the PE uniform, students are expected to continue to wear the current one. This is still available to order from the school shop. Crested Schoolwear will also be stocking these items.

You will see in your pack pictures and price lists for the different items of clothing available from the named suppliers. Please feel free to purchase different items from different suppliers if you choose. There is no requirement to just buy items from one shop.

We are really looking forward to seeing our students wearing their smart new uniform in September. Many thanks for your support in helping us in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lesley Beck
Headteacher

Uniform Rules

We believe uniform is important because it helps to develop a sense of personal pride and form good habits for a student's journey into adult life. As a school our aim is for an inexpensive and sensible uniform which identifies our students as part of the Sir Graham Balfour community. Our rules on uniform are simple and straightforward and we urge parents to support the school in ensuring a high standard of appearance at all times.

Boys and Girls Uniform		Comment
Blazer	Navy blue blazer with badge on chest pocket and sleeves rolled down.	NO student is permitted to not wear their blazer in and around school except during extremely warm weather. Students have a choice whether to wear their blazer during lessons. Blazer sleeves are NOT allowed to be rolled up. Parents will be notified if blazers do not need to be worn in times of warm weather.
Trousers	Standard dark grey trousers.	NO hipster, skinny, flared trousers, jeans or trousers with exposed fashion buttons, laces or zips.
Belts	Plain black belt.	NO large belt buckles.
Skirt	Dark grey knee length skirt.	NO jersey skirts (eg. tube skirt) and skirts MUST NOT be rolled up.
Shirt	White cotton shirt or blouse. These may be either long or short sleeved but must be capable of being tucked into trousers or skirts and must be tucked in at all times. There must be a top button that can be done up so that the clip-on tie can be attached.	NO Short fitted blouses or un-tucked shirts.
Jumper/ Cardigan	Navy blue "V" necked sweater or cardigan (optional) worn underneath their blazer.	NO Hoodies.
Tie	School Tie – Clip-on with House colour.	NO ties unclipped or positioned lower than the top button in school.
Socks	Plain, dark socks (Black or Grey).	NO coloured socks or leggings.
Tights	Black, grey or flesh coloured.	NO patterned tights, lace tights, fishnet tights, coloured tights or footless tights.
Shoes	Sensible, plain, black leather or PVC leather school shoes with sensible heels (height 3cm). They must be plain black shoes and if they have laces they must be black.	NO fabric, canvas, trainers, converse, sports shoes, pumps, sandals, creepers, wedges, dance slippers, sling backs, mules or boots.
Coat	Plain coats are recommended but not compulsory. Coats to be worn over uniform to and from school.	NO coats worn in school and they must not have inappropriate logos.

Bag	Large enough and strong enough to carry the necessary books.	NO small handbags that cannot fit books.
Make up	Subtle make-up is acceptable - this is natural foundation and includes clear nail varnish and a subtle coat of mascara.	NO blusher or bronzer. NO thickly coated eyelashes, false eyelashes, eye shadow, eyeliner or heavily pencilled in eyebrows. NO false nail extensions, clip-on nails or coloured nail varnish. Teachers reserve the right to ask students to remove excess make-up at their discretion.
Hair Styles	Sensible hair styles.	NO extreme hair colour or styles /shaved patterns (natural tones only).
Hair Accessories	Plain, dark blue or black hair bands or bobbles.	NO coloured hair bands, bobbles or large flowers.
Jewellery	A watch and one small plain gold or silver stud per ear. All other body piercings (tongue, nose, lips, belly button, eyebrow etc.) are forbidden on the grounds of health and safety in and around school. A religious bangle may be worn and any religious necklace can be worn underneath the shirt, to be confirmed in writing by the parent.	NO large earrings, ear gauges, ear cuffs, dangly earrings or fashion earrings. NO bangles, bracelets or non-charity wristbands, non-House charity badges. NO rings.
Contact Lenses or Glasses	Prescription lenses and glasses only.	NO coloured contacts or fashion glasses.

The school reserves the right to confiscate items that are being worn or used inappropriately and can ban unforeseen items that may come under 'fashion items' but are not specifically stated in our uniform code. If you have any doubts or concerns please contact your child's House Head.