



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

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### 1. Context

At The Wallace High School we are proud of our uniform and believe that the correct wearing of uniform is a positive reflection of our school's identity and ethos. This document outlines the responsibilities of pupils, parents and staff as together we work to ensure that every member of the school community respects this aspect of our school ethos. In certain circumstances a parent may wish to raise a specific request for a uniform amendment in respect of their child, if under 18, on the grounds of religion, identity or gender. Each case will be considered individually and should be initially discussed with the child's Head of Year. Parents who are facing challenging financial situations should make contact with the Head of Year for information about support. Many of our families kindly donate outgrown uniforms. Our thriving Parent Teacher Association regularly provides opportunities for parents to purchase donated uniform items and we have established close working relationships with uniform banks facilitated by local churches.

School Uniform is compulsory for all pupils during term time and at school functions outside normal school hours.

House colours are as follows:

Gracey	Green	Conway
Hanna	Red	Barbour
Seymour	Yellow	Hamilton

- All items should be marked with the pupil's name.
- If a head covering is worn for any reason it should be plain fabric – black, navy or maroon in colour.
- Suppliers are not authorised to make changes to the uniform regulations.
- Please check before buying if you are not sure.

## 2. School Uniform Years 8-12

### GIRLS

- School blazer
- Regulation kick pleat grey skirt (to be purchased at **below the knee**)
- White shirt (short sleeved white shirt may be worn at designated times)
- School tie with House colour stripe
- Regulation grey pullover with navy neckband stripes **or** school cardigan edged with navy.
- Regulation grey knee-length socks **or** opaque black tights.
- Plain black leather or leather substitute flat-heeled school shoes **only** (high-heeled fashion shoes, kitten heels, pumps and trainers are **not** permitted).
- School scarf (optional)

### Notes:

- Socks and short sleeved shirts may be worn September – October half term and throughout the summer term.
- If it has been agreed, **as an individual uniform amendment**, that a head covering (black, navy or maroon) and/or trousers may be worn for reasons of religion, identity or gender, **the items should be those available from the uniform suppliers, as agreed by the school.**

### BOYS

- School blazer
- White shirt
- School tie with House colour stripe
- Charcoal grey trousers – plain
- Grey V-neck pullover and dark grey socks
- Flat-heeled, plain black leather or leather substitute shoes **only**. Black trainers may **not** be worn.
- School scarf (optional)

### SCHOOL HOODIE

In response to requests we introduced an official navy School Hoodie. This is available from our usual school outfitters. During periods of cold weather, the navy Hoodie may be worn under the school blazer when travelling to and from school. It may **not** be worn in school. Pupils will also be permitted to wear their navy School Hoodie when spectating at sports events. This is the **only** hoodie which a pupil will be permitted to wear with school uniform and should only be worn as detailed previously or with permission granted by staff.

### Suppliers:

**McCalls of Lisburn**  
15 Market Street  
Lisburn

**Warnocks**  
791 Lisburn Road  
Belfast

### 3. School Uniform Sixth Form

#### GIRLS

- Navy blazer with maroon trim and Sixth Form badge
- Knee length regulation navy skirt (to be purchased below the knee)
- White long-sleeved shirt with Sixth Form tie or
- short-sleeved open-necked blouse with maroon stripes
- **Note: white shirt required for formal school events**
- Dark navy school cardigan edged with maroon or dark navy pullover with maroon neck band
- Opaque black tights **or** Sixth Form socks
- School scarf [optional]
- Black leather or leather substitute flat-heeled school shoes **only** (high heeled fashion shoes, kitten heels, pumps and trainers are **not** permitted).

#### Notes:

- Sixth Form socks may be worn September – October half term and throughout the summer term.
- If it has been agreed, **as an individual uniform amendment**, that a head covering (black, navy or maroon) and/or trousers may be worn for reasons of religion, identity or gender, **the items should be those available from the uniform suppliers, as agreed by the school.**

#### BOYS

- Navy blazer - navy blue with maroon trim on cuff and Sixth Form badge
- Plain white shirt with boys' Sixth Form tie
- Charcoal grey trousers - plain
- Grey V-neck pullover and dark grey socks
- Flat-heeled plain black leather or leather substitute shoes only. Black trainers may **not** be worn.
- Navy regulation rain jacket or plain dark navy or black coat
- School scarf [optional]

#### SCHOOL HOODIE

A navy School Hoodie is available from our usual school outfitters.

During periods of cold weather the Hoodie may be worn under the school blazer when travelling to and from school. It may **not** be worn in school.

Pupils will also be permitted to wear their School Hoodie when spectating at sports events. This is the **only** hoodie which a pupil will be permitted to wear with school uniform and should only be worn as detailed previously or with permission granted by staff.

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#### **4. Compulsory Timetabled P.E. and Games Classes: Clothing and Equipment**

The following items are available from McCalls of Lisburn and Warnocks or a retailer for general sportswear items.

The below items only are to be worn for timetabled PE classes.

##### **GIRLS**

##### **Girls' PE Kit (All Years)**

- Navy polo shirt with red trim & School crest
- Navy and red Wallace skort
- Navy sport leggings with School crest **or** navy Kukri stadium tracksuit bottoms
- Regulation hoodie with School crest
- Knee length white games socks
- Hockey stick
- Mouthguard
- Shin guards
- White ankle socks
- Laced trainers

##### **Optional Extras: Teamwear (Extra-curricular training and matches)**

##### Uniform Stockists

- Athletics vest with School crest (All Years)
- Knee length red games socks (All Years)
- Junior red/navy hockey shirt (Years 9 and 10)
- Senior red/navy hockey shirt (Years 11-14)

##### Online WHS Teamwear Shop

[www.kukrisports.com](http://www.kukrisports.com) > school shops > Wallace High School and Wallace High School Stock Shop

- WHS ¾ zip track top (All Years)
- Shower proof Contact top (All Years)
- WHS athletics workout shorts (All Years)
- Netball dress (Years 10-14)

## **BOYS**

### **Boys' PE Kit (All Years)**

- Navy polo shirt with red trim & School crest
- Navy and red athletics shorts
- White ankle socks
- Wallace High School Smock Top and straight or stadium tracksuit bottoms

### **Boys' Games Kit**

The below items are to be worn during timetabled Games classes. The below kit is suitable for rugby practices in Years 8-14. (Year 8 – play rugby in Games in Terms 1 and 2. Hockey is an option in Term 2. The same kit is worn across both terms, i.e. a separate hockey kit is not required for boys in Year 8.)

- Wallace Kukri navy rugby shorts
- Knee length red games socks
- Rugby boots (soccer boots can be used)
- Mouthguard

### **Boys' Hockey Kit**

The below items are to be worn when playing hockey.

#### **Years 8, 9 and 10**

- PE navy polo shirt with red trim (this is also the PE kit)
- Navy/red athletics shorts (this is also the PE kit)
- Red Kukri knee length socks
- Mouthguard
- Shin guards

#### **Years 11, 12, 14 and 14**

- Navy with white stripe boys' hockey shorts (with School crest)
- Red Kukri knee length socks
- Mouthguard
- Shin guards

Players who are selected to play for sports teams are notified separately of any specific team kit items. These items are available to purchase from the PE Department following team selection.

### **Additional Notes**

In order that we can maintain our standards of uniform and appearance we would appreciate your co-operation regarding the following:

- Jumpers should be of regulation-type and not extend beyond blazer length.
- Alternative garments **must NOT** be worn under blazers apart from the official navy school hoodie which may only be worn travelling to and from school.
- Under-garments worn below the shirt should be white, nude or discreet.
- Unobtrusive make up and discreet nail varnish (e.g. clear, pale pink, taupe or French style manicure are permitted. Please note that for reasons of hygiene and safety nails must be trimmed at an appropriate length.
- Hair must be tidy and conventional in colour and style. Dyed hair must be natural in shade and pupils with long hair must comply with all requests linked to Health and Safety requirements e.g. during practical classes, PE and Games lessons.
- All pupils must be tidy in appearance and wear school uniform in the proper way. In particular shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and the tie worn correctly. Blazers must be worn when not in class.

### **GIRLS**

- Formal long sleeved white school shirts and ties must be worn by all girls from Halloween until Easter.
- Short sleeved white shirts with school tie may be worn from Easter until Halloween.
- Tights must be worn by all girls from Halloween until Easter AND on formal occasions. Tights or socks may be worn from Easter until Halloween.

### **BOYS**

- Boys are expected to be clean-shaven and tidy in appearance. If for cultural or religious reasons an individual amendment is agreed the expectation to be neat and tidy remains.

**NB.** Jewellery must not exceed a watch, a ring and two pairs of small, plain earrings **worn in the lobe. Multiple piercings are not acceptable and will be regarded as a breach of school rules.**

For **formal** school occasions long sleeved white shirts **must** be worn (Prize Day, Concerts, etc). This applies to both boys and girls. **All** school skirts **must** comply with the stated regulation of “**below the knee**” at the time of purchase.

All pupils playing extra-curricular sport for school teams are notified of the correct team list. Additional bespoke team wear items are available to purchase from the PE department following team selections. PE staff will issue the relevant information about these in due course.

**All items of clothing and sports equipment must be clearly named.**

The Physical Education Department recommends that all pupils involved in contact sports should wear a mouth guard which has been correctly fitted. Mouth guards and other protective equipment (e.g. shin pads, shoulder pads, head guards etc) should conform to British and European Safety Standards.

### **5. The responsibilities of pupils**

It is the responsibility of our pupils to make themselves aware of the Uniform Regulations. These are available on the school website and will be emailed to pupils annually. Pupils should understand from these regulations

- the correct uniform to be worn, and,
- the correct way in which the uniform should be worn.

Pupils should also be aware that failure to follow these Regulations may lead to disciplinary sanctions, which are outlined at the end of this Policy.

The position of School Prefect is one of responsibility and as a role model the way in which they wear their uniform must be exemplary. Consequently, a student who fails to follow the Regulations will not be able to hold the position of School Prefect.

### **6. The responsibility of parents**

Parents/guardians should be familiar with the uniform regulations provided annually by the school and should facilitate their child/children in obtaining the correct uniform items.

Parents are expected to support the school in its insistence that their son/daughter follow the Regulations. If disciplinary action proves necessary, then parents will be expected to support the school in the enforcement of whatever action is deemed necessary.

As noted previously a parent may wish to raise a specific request for a uniform amendment in respect of their child on the grounds of religion, identity or gender. **Each case will be considered individually and should be initially discussed with the child's Head of Year.**

### **7. The responsibility of staff**

The Form Staff will ensure that the pupils in their form are made aware of the contents of this Policy.

It is the responsibility of all staff to familiarise themselves with the Uniform Regulations as issued annually to parents and staff.

It is expected that all staff will help to ensure that the Uniform Regulations are followed. Consequently, the class tutor and the classroom teacher will both play a role in this regard. The procedures to be followed are as follows:

#### **8. Procedures to be followed when a pupil fails to wear the uniform correctly**

- 1 Any member of staff should address a pupil regarding their failure to wear the uniform properly. If, in the opinion of the member of staff, the failure to follow the rules is deliberate, the member of staff will log this on ClassCharts as a **uniform** infringement. No additional sanction is necessary. However, the member of staff should insist that the pupil rectifies the problem immediately and inform the pupil that they have logged the matter.
- 2 The Head/Assistant Head of Year will monitor the data on ClassCharts. Three occurrences of a **uniform** infringement will lead to a uniform detention. Pupils will be aware that the rule of 3 is applicable to all disciplinary matters, including uniform.

#### **9. The House System**

Each of the school Houses is identified by the colour of stripe on the school tie; this reflects our efforts to build a sense of pride in House membership. The House Captains and House prefects act as positive role models for younger pupils.