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School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of Saint Paul's Catholic High School. Our uniform identifies students as part of our Saint Paul's Catholic High School community and instills pride in it. Being appropriately dressed helps students to develop a positive mind set for learning and supports them in being successful learners.

It is compulsory that only those items stipulated within the Official School Uniform list (see Appendix A) are permissible to be worn by our students. The official school uniform must be worn by all students who are on roll at Saint Paul's Catholic High School at all times, without exception. The uniform policy applies to students attending off-site provision (including activities) and out of hours activities unless parents/carers are advised otherwise. Students who contravene the uniform policy will be placed in isolation. Students who refuse to accept the consequence or an alternative replacement will be excluded from school.

Saint Paul's Catholic High School operates a zero tolerance approach to excessive jewellery and body piercings being worn by its students at any of the aforementioned times. Jewellery must not exceed a wristwatch and a small pair of studs/sleepers in the earlobe. Any other jewellery and body piercings will be confiscated by staff and stored securely. Students can collect these items at the end of the day. If a student has jewellery confiscated on more than two occasions, then parents / carers will be asked to come to school to collect these items and a further sanction will be issued.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn in the school except in PE practical sessions. Boots are not permitted under the school's uniform policy. However, at times of severe inclement weather the school may contact parents/carers and inform them that boots will be permitted within a specific timescale. Please note that the school will determine if and when this should occur.

All shoes must be black in colour. Footwear that is branded with a sports logo or name is also not permitted. Where students arrive at school in trainers or shoes that contravene this policy, students will be placed in isolation or an alternative form of footwear may be offered enabling the student to remain in school and continue learning. Students who refuse to accept the consequence or refuse to wear the alternative footwear offered will be excluded from school.

Denim style black trousers and 'legging/jegging type trousers' are not acceptable school wear.

Furthermore, students are not permitted to attend school with an extreme hair style, including any form of pattern shaved into their heads/eyebrows, 'Mohican style haircuts', 'long top / short side' haircuts and unnatural colourings to their hair.

The school operates zero tolerance to students wearing make-up. Brightly coloured lipsticks, eyeliner, mascara and heavily defined eyebrows are not permitted. The length of student's nails should also be kept to an acceptable minimum in respect of the Health and Safety requirements for practical activities such as Sports and Design Technology etc. Coloured nail polish/varnish or artificial nails are not permitted. Failure to comply with any of the above rules will result in isolation and/or a Fixed Term Exclusion until the issue has been resolved.

For religious reasons girls may wear a Hijab in maroon. This should be made of plain maroon cotton with no embroidery, decoration or fringing. It should be tied securely around the head and neck with the ends tucked in for health and safety reasons

External coats/jackets are not to be worn inside the school building.

Appendix A: Official School Uniform list

Boys

- Black trousers
- Black school blazer
- Plain white shirt (no polo shirts or airtex sports top permitted)
- Black school V-neck jumper * for one year only (Sep 2017 – July 2018), if a student already has a burgundy jumper then this can be worn at school.
- Plain black shoes (school shoes must not display any brand names or sports logo on the actual shoe- black trainers of any description are not permitted)
- School tie
- Socks – plain black
- Religious dress (plain black turban)
- Jewellery and piercings - 1 small stud/sleeper in lower earlobe and wristwatch only (smart watches are not permitted)

Girls

- Knee length black skirt. From September 2017, kilts will be compulsory for girls in years 7-9.
- Tailored full length trousers (no skinny/tight trousers or jeans, track suit bottoms, culottes, ski pants, leggings or jeggings)
- Black school blazer
- Plain white shirt (no polo shirts, blouses or airtex sports top permitted)
- Black school V-neck jumper * for one year only (Sep 2017 – July 2018), if a student already has a burgundy jumper then this can be worn at school.
- Plain black shoes (school shoes must not display any brand names or sports logo on the actual shoe- black trainers of any description are not permitted)
- School tie
- Socks - plain black (over the knee socks are not permitted).
- Tights (plain black)
- Religious dress (Hijab plain black)
- Jewellery and piercings - 1 pair of small studs/sleepers in lower earlobe and wristwatch only (smart watches are not permitted)

Students should bring a bag, such as a black rucksack, suitable to carry their books (A4 size), writing equipment and sports kit for every lesson. All students are expected to take responsibility for their books and equipment.

PE Kit

Year 7-10 (Boys and Girls)

- Plain black/white football socks.
- Black shorts (Saint Paul's badged).
- Black polo shirt (Saint Paul's badged).
- Clean training shoes.

Year 11 (Boys and Girls)

- Plain black/white socks.
- Plain black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms.
- Plain white round-neck T-shirt.
- Clean training shoes

PE Kit optional extras for outdoor lessons

- Plain black sweatshirt (Saint Paul's badged).
- Plain black fleece (Saint Paul's badged).
- Plain black training top (Saint Paul's badged).
- Plain black sports waterproof.

PE Kit optional extras for safety

- Football boots advised for football lessons (no metal studs)
- Shin Pads advised for football lessons
- Gum shields advised for rugby lessons

The following items are not permitted in school:

- Baseball caps
- Training shoes (outside of PE lesson)
- Boots
- Canvas trainers
- Hooded tops and hooded sweaters
- Denim skirts, jeans and jackets or leather jackets
- Culottes, cargo pants or track suits
- Shaved heads or extreme hairstyles.
- Excessive Make up and nail varnish or artificial nails
- Jewellery other than watches (smart watches are not permitted) and a single stud/sleeper in each ear lobe.

All Students in Year 7 to 11 are required to wear full uniform. We have zero tolerance policy towards incorrect uniform. The school uniform has been designed to be inexpensive and is available from Debonair, Civic Centre, Wythenshawe.