



Sherburn High School



Achievement for all

Uniform Policy

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Policy Aims

School uniform is an important element of the school's vision and values. Therefore, all students are expected to wear their uniform correctly and take an active pride in their appearance. The school is a place of work and students' standards of uniform are expected to reflect the important nature of learning as well as appropriate health & safety considerations. Students are expected to respect and comply with the school uniform policy and will be sanctioned if they do not meet the agreed standards.

The School Uniform Policy supports us to:

1. Promote a sense of community and belonging to the school
2. Engender a sense of pride in, and loyalty to, the school
3. Enable students to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
4. Avoid discrimination and promote fairness and equality

The school uniform is also designed to be practical, cost effective and gender neutral.

All students should wear their uniform and conform to the policy when attending school, when representing school externally or when participating in an event organised by the school outside of school hours, unless permission is granted by the school to do otherwise.

All parents and carers of students attending Sherburn High School are expected to support the school by ensuring that students conform to the policy. All staff will support the Uniform Policy by promoting and maintaining high expectations with regard to uniform in lessons and around the school in general.

The School Uniform Policy will be dynamically reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects fairness, sensitivity and meets legislation. The school follows the following government guidance, [School uniforms - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform) to ensure that the school uniform is gender neutral, inclusive and financially accessible.

To cut those costs for families and break down barriers as part of the government's Plan for Change, Sherburn High School requires 2 items of school uniform that carries the school logo: a black school blazer and a PE top. Ties are not included in the updated guidance.

In addition, we want to be able to offer families choice when purchasing school uniforms.

As a result of this, our policy means that the only garments that are required to be bought from school are the following:

Uniform items that are purchased directly from school are:

- School badge (optional item for non-badged blazers)
- School tie in House colours

School Uniform Years 7-11		
Black Blazer with school badge	Conventional school style with school badge on breast pocket. To be worn at all times on the school site (buttoned or unbuttoned). Students can take their blazers off inside the classroom at the discretion of the staff in charge	Compulsory

School tie	Should be worn by all students on the top buttoned section of their shirts. House tie, clipped onto the shirt collar, kept neatly maintained and graffiti free.	Compulsory
Plain black trousers or black skirt	<p>Trousers must be straight. No flare, drainpipe, skinny, chino, cargo or other 'fashion' style.</p> <p>Trousers must be standard school trouser material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material.</p> <p>Skirts must be black and worn to the knee, skirts should not be higher than knee level.</p> <p>Skirts must be standard school skirt material; no denim, cord or other non-standard material. Tight-fitting, tube-like skirts must not be worn.</p> <p>A belt, if worn, should be black with a plain simple buckle.</p>	Compulsory
Socks/Tights	<p>Plain white or black socks must be worn with trousers.</p> <p>Students can wear either socks or tights when wearing a skirt. Both the socks and the tights must be plain black, other colours or patterns are not permitted. Socks should only be ankle height.</p>	Compulsory
Plain white shirt	<p>Full-button, collared type, long or short sleeve, standard plain cotton or poly-cotton material - no thick linen or other non-standard material.</p> <p>Must be fully buttoned up to the neck and fully tucked in at the waistband.</p> <p>Since the top button must be fastened, neck size should be big enough to be comfortable.</p>	Compulsory
Black shoes	<p>Shoes must be all black with no coloured additions. No trainers should be worn or trainer type shoes. Shoes must be clearly shoes, not boots.</p> <p>Can be slip-on, 'Velcro' straps or laced.</p> <p>Must have a full, sturdy upper; no open side/toes, no slippers or sandals.</p> <p>Sole to be as flat as possible; where a heel is worn should be no higher than 4cm.</p> <p>No logos (coloured or black) or embellishments.</p> <p>Ideally, leather shoes are to be worn due to the potentially hazardous nature of the school building and activities conducted in classrooms. Non-leather shoes can be worn providing they are black and 'leather-like' in their look.</p> <p>Shoes need to be below the ankle and plain in colour with black soles and sides.</p>	Compulsory

School jumper	<p>A black, V-neck jumper is optional, but is the only acceptable garment if an additional layer is required over a shirt and under a blazer</p> <p>The jumper should not have any logo.</p> <p>No sweatshirt type jumpers should be worn.</p>	Optional
Summer uniform	<p>After May half term students may wear a Sherburn High School polo shirt in the appropriate House colour. The wearing of the SHS polo is entirely optional. Blazers are not required to be worn in school after May half term.</p> <p>Students must return in September of each academic year in their full Sherburn High School uniform.</p>	Optional
Outdoor clothing	<p>A coat, gloves, scarf and hat may be worn for inclement weather. These are not to be worn inside the classroom or around school.</p> <p>Baseball caps are unacceptable at any time.</p> <p>Hoodies should not be brought into school or be worn on the school site (except for the Year 11 hoodie which may be worn by students who have met the set criteria)</p>	Optional
Jewellery/Make up	<p>Ideally no jewellery should be worn.</p> <p>A watch (not a smart watch), and a single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each ear lobe. No other items must be visible.</p> <p>Ideally no facial make-up; where this is worn, it should be very light and discreet. Fake eyelashes, fake tan should not be worn</p> <p>Bracelets in any form are not to be worn.</p> <p>Nose piercings should not be worn. If students do have this piercing, then it must be removed for the school day. Tongue piercings, facial jewellery or similar body piercings must never be worn. Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process. All piercings (other than ear piercing as stated above) must be removed and not simply covered up with plasters during school time.</p> <p>No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities.</p> <p>Clear nail varnish is permitted. Coloured nail varnish and false nails are not allowed.</p>	Compulsory
Hairstyles and colours	<p>Extreme hairstyles are prohibited; this may include full or partial shaving (including 'tram-lines' or other patterns).</p> <p>Hair should not be dyed (either permanent or semi-permanent) beyond colours close to natural hair colours (e.g. extreme bleaching and/or red, pink, blue or purple colours).</p>	Compulsory

	<p>The expectation is that long hair will be tied and secured away from the face, neck and shoulders when learning activities dictate e.g. sport and practical work in a science laboratory.</p> <p>Hair clips and hair bands and other hair-retaining devices should be plain black in colour and discreet.</p>	
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Students may wish to wear an alternative or additional garment (e.g. headscarf) for faith reasons. Where this is the case, permission should be sought from the school in advance.

Parents are asked to communicate with the school which religious items they would like their child to wear and the reasons why. The school may refuse permission on health and safety grounds but where it is granted all such garment items must be plain black with no logos or patterns.

The school can support students that are not in correct uniform by providing items to borrow until the correct items are purchased or worn.

Students with specific SEND needs may also require reasonable adjustments to be made to their uniform. This can only be done through discussion and consultation with the school.

Students that do not follow the school's uniform expectations will be subject to the school's behaviour procedures following the B2B system. This can result in after school detentions or isolation sessions.

School PE Uniform

The School PE kit aims to be practical and smart, balancing the demands of physical exercise with personal comfort and confidence for the students.

PE uniform requirements fall under the oversight of the PE Department and are subject to their assessment of the sports being participated in and the conditions prevalent at the time of year.

PE school uniform years 7 & 8		
Sherburn PE black sports top	Sherburn round neck sports top. Black with detailing branded school logo	Compulsory
Red and black fully reversible rugby shirt (not school branded)	Either reversible Rugby shirt, SHS black ¼ zip top or black SHS sports top to be worn during PE.	Compulsory
SHS black ¼ zip jumper	Black with red detailed branding ¼ zip top. No other sweatshirt or top is acceptable apart from this option.	Optional
Plain black shorts or leggings - (not school branded)	No cycling shorts permitted	Compulsory

Tracksuit bottoms	Tracksuit bottoms are optional in cold weather and when on outdoor activities. They must be plain black sports tracksuit bottoms and not leisure/ lounge jogging style bottoms. Tracksuit bottoms should not be worn when on indoor activities.	Optional
Trainers	Trainers must be suitable for physical activity. Sports style trainer with appropriate grip and support.	Compulsory
Football boots	Football boots must be worn on our 3G pitch. Boots must be plastic or rubber studs. No metal studs or astro turf trainers are allowed on our style of artificial surface.	Compulsory
White short socks	Indoor activity or when not taking part in rugby, football or hockey	Compulsory
Black football socks	Outdoor activity - rugby, football or hockey	Compulsory
Shin pads	These are compulsory for football/hockey	Compulsory
Towel	Optional	Optional
Gum Shield	Gum shield (recommended for Rugby)	Optional

PE school uniform years 9-11		
Sherburn PE black sports top	Sherburn PE top -Sherburn round neck sports top. Black with detailing branded school logo	Optional
Plain white T-shirt	White T-shirt with collar	Compulsory (unless wearing black top above)
Red and black fully reversible rugby shirt (not	Either reversible Rugby shirt, plain white t-shirt, black sports top or black SHS ¼ zip jumper to be worn. No other tops allowed.	Compulsory

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Red football sock	Outdoor activity - rugby, football or hockey	Compulsory
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Towel	Optional	Optional
Gum Shield	Gum shield (recommended for Rugby)	Optional

Sixth Form Dress Code

We recognise that self-expression and individuality is an important part of becoming an adult. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a site which is directly linked to

accommodation for younger students. This means that offensive or explicit slogans and/or images on clothing should not be worn. Similarly, clothing that is particularly revealing and not considered 'work wear appropriate' will not be accepted. Students may be asked to go home and change if their clothing is deemed not to be appropriate.

Rulings on dress code issues: The Head of Sixth Form will act as arbiter if a decision concerning the appropriateness of any element of the dress code is required.