



Gunnersbury Catholic School

Appearance and Uniform Policy

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Gunnersbury Catholic School strives to educate all of its pupils within an environment where the Catholic traditions of learning, truth, justice, respect and community are promoted.

School Mission Statement

So as to realise our mission, Gunnersbury works towards three aims:

- to build a community based on Christian values
- to maximise the potential of each individual within the school in academic, personal, physical, social and spiritual terms
- to produce young men and, in the Sixth Form, young women who will take those values beyond school to promote a better, more just society

We seek to achieve these aims by:

- demonstrating fairness and justice in all school systems
- promoting relationships based upon respect, tolerance and understanding throughout the school
- creating a partnership in learning which identifies and develops the talents of each individual
- learning, living and celebrating our Catholic tradition

Appearance and Uniform

Our uniform proudly displays the Gunnersbury Community that our students are part of. Correctly wearing the uniform and adhering to our appearance policy are integral to being a student of Gunnersbury Catholic School. The Gunnersbury dress code is underpinned by the following principles:

- To promote the sense of togetherness and belonging within our Catholic community
- To maintain the foci of all on learning and personal development
- To promote equality amongst our students

Students must be in full uniform and complying with the appearance requirements at all times when: on site; in a consortium school; they travel to and from school; on school trips (unless advised otherwise by staff). The manner in which students comport themselves has a considerable effect on the ethos of the whole school and our reputation beyond the school. Our pastoral system and teams will maintain the observance of our appearance and uniform requirements by our students.

Uniform Years 7-11

Detailed below are the items of clothing that form our required uniform for all students within Years 7-11.
Alternative and/or additional items are not permitted to be worn to Gunnersbury Catholic School.

SCHOOL BLAZER Black with school badge permanently affixed to breast pocket	A black blazer is a jacket with lapels and patch pockets. The Gunnersbury School badge can be purchased from SANCO and affixed to a plain black blazer
SHIRT Plain light blue of conventional style.	A school shirt has a collar and a full length button front. In the summer term short sleeved school shirt may be worn. <i>*Available from SANCO or other outlets</i>
TROUSERS Long and Dark plain grey in colour and made of a material of worsted look 'suiting' conventionally styled and neither excessively baggy nor tight. No turn-ups	Trousers must be the correct length and size. Trousers also need to be correctly worn with the waistband located at the waist. Trousers (waistbands) must not be allowed to fall below the waist – if necessary a plain black belt must be used to hold trousers in the correct position. Trousers with patch pockets or those made from cotton twill type cloth, denim or corduroy are not permitted school uniform. <i>*Available from SANCO or other outlets</i>
SOCKS Plain dark grey, navy or black.	In particular white socks or light coloured socks are not allowed.
SHOES should be all black, lace-up leather or a leather substitute. Slip-on shoes and boots are not allowed .	Trainers, trainer style shoes, shoes made with suede, canvas non-black stitching, coloured decoration, large buckles, velcro fastenings are not allowed. Laces of shoes must be black.
SCHOOL TIE In correct house colours	The tie should be tied closely to the collar and cover the button which should be correctly secured. When tied it should be of a conventional length and style (a four-in-hand knot) <i>*Available from SANCO</i>
PULLOVER Mid grey and of 'V' neck style with school trim around the neck.	No other pullover is allowed <i>*Available from SANCO</i>
TOPCOAT Plain black or navy (Optional item of uniform)	Topcoats may only be worn in conjunction with the school blazer (underneath). They must be completely plain black or navy. A single motif/logo must be discreet and small in size (no larger than 4cmx8cm). The material should be plain conventional nylon/cotton/wool or similar synthetic material. Denim, leather, suede, fur, shiny and leather look "PVC" are unacceptable materials. In addition, tracksuit tops and tracksuit hooded tops are not acceptable for use as coats. Sports jackets/coats are not permitted.

HAT School hat (Optional item of uniform)	HAT plain black or navy, no motif/logo (Optional item of uniform) <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>
SCARF School scarf (Optional item of uniform)	Scarf plain black or navy, no motif/logo (Optional item of uniform) <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>
Gloves Plain sensible gloves may be worn in cold weather	<i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>
The ‘Gunnersbury’ school bag must be used to carry books and equipment (years 7 to 11)	<i>Purchased direct from school.</i>

The clothing required for PE and Games sessions are detailed below. Alternative and/or additional items are not permitted to be worn during these activities

PE KIT	Sky blue PE polo shirt - <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i> Plain black or navy shorts - <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i> White Socks - <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i> Gym trainers- <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>
GAMES KIT	Football/rugby boots- <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i> Navy, dark grey or black ‘skins’ may be worn under the PE kit in cold weather - <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>

*The outfitters SANCO, are the schools’ provider of Gunnersbury specific items of clothing (badge, tie, pullover). The further items of required Gunnersbury clothing can be bought from SANCO or other retailers.

Appearance Requirements Years 7-11

1. Pupils are always to be of smart appearance, avoiding extremes of fashion.
2. Full School uniform is to be worn to and from school, within school and for school based activities. Unless otherwise directed by a member of staff, rules regarding school uniform and appearance must be followed.
3. Outdoor clothing is not to be worn inside the school buildings. Hats are not allowed inside the school buildings. The school hat and scarf are the only permitted head and neckwear and may only be worn outside during periods of cold weather (as determined by the Deputy Headteacher).
4. Hair must be of a style that is conventional and understated. Hair should:
 - not be bleached, coloured, permed or chemically altered in any manner
 - not be closely cropped/shaved or with significant differences in length about the head e.g. the hair on top of the head is significantly longer than that at the sides
 - be without patterns, lines or partings etc. cut/shaved into it
 - Extremes of haircut/styling will not be allowed as they can distract from our central purpose of pupil development and learning.
5. Shaving of eyebrows (e.g. cutting lines into them) is not acceptable.
6. Tattoos are strictly forbidden. No pupil shall be allowed to attend Gunnersbury with a tattoo, even if it is covered by an elastoplast dressing or similar.
7. Jewellery must not be worn in school (or on school occasions) nor on the journey to and from school. Ear/nose rings and studs, bracelets, finger rings, necklaces, chains are all included in this requirement.
8. Beyond the correctly worn school scarf and school hat, the wearing of neck/headwear (e.g. snoods, ski masks, balaclavas, masks) is not permissible without the written permission of the deputy headteacher

Sixth Form Uniform

Detailed below are the items of clothing that form our required uniform for all students within the Sixth Form. Alternative and/or additional items are not permitted to be worn to Gunnersbury Catholic School.

Sixth Formers should wear **smart, conventional business attire** that is professional in style, pattern or colour,

consisting of:

MALE STUDENTS	FEMALE STUDENTS
A plain dark blue, dark grey or black coloured business suit (the trousers' material and colour must match the jacket) Trousers must be tailored. Trousers also need to be correctly worn with the waistband located at the waist. Trousers (waistbands) must not be allowed to fall below the waist – if necessary a plain black belt must be used to hold trousers in the correct position. Plain white business-style shirt Shirt must not hang below the suit jacket Gunnersbury Sixth Form tie / Senior Colours Tie (<i>Available from John Lewis</i>) Black or dark brown polishable shoes Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan (optional) Dark socks 6th Form ID Badge	A plain dark coloured business suit with a jacket (the trouser or skirt material must match the jacket); skirt must be worn at the knee and trousers should be tailored not 'legging' style. Trousers must not be tight fitting to the body. Plain white blouse that is tailored, collared, buttoned and sleeved; blouse must not hang below the suit jacket Gunnersbury Sixth Form tie (optional) Black or dark brown polishable shoes Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan (optional) If tights are worn, they must be black, dark grey or flesh coloured and in good condition 6th Form ID Badge

Sixth Form Appearance Requirements

Sixth Formers are expected to set an example to other students and provide positive role models. At Gunnersbury we encourage senior students to take pride in their appearance and dress. This entails:

1. A dark, sober coloured, plain coat without any visible branding may be worn over the suit jacket for travel to and from school but must not be worn during the school day at any time. Denim, leather jackets and hoodies are not permissible.
2. Suit jackets must be worn at all times when Sixth Form students are moving around the school. 6th Form ID Badge to be worn at all times.
3. Shoes must be polishable, flat or with a low heel and in a conventional, business style. Desert boots or suede shoes are not permitted
4. Sleeveless/strappy tops, low necklines or shirts/blouses with pictures, slogans or logos are not permissible
5. No visible make-up
6. Tattoos are strictly forbidden. No pupil shall be allowed to attend Gunnersbury with a tattoo, even if it is covered by an elastoplast dressing or similar.
7. Jewellery and facial adornment are not permitted beyond a pair of discreet earrings (one per ear)
8. Extreme haircuts, as determined by the Director of Sixth Form, are not allowed. It may not be bleached, dyed, tinted or highlighted to change its natural colouration.
9. Patterns and lines may not be cut/shaved etc. into a pupil's eyebrows
10. The following items are NOT to be worn : denim and denim derivatives, sweatshirts, hooded tops and

jumpers, tee shirts or patterned tops, trainers, sports shoes or pumps, canvas shoes or headgear

- 11.** Extremes of fashion or trends (dress and haircut) are not permitted
- 12.** If a student would like to wear a face covering for health reasons, this must be discussed and agreed with the Deputy Headteacher
- 13.** Beyond a correctly worn black or dark blue scarf and hat, the wearing of neck/headwear (e.g. snoods, ski masks, balaclavas, masks) is not permissible without the written permission of the deputy headteacher

Second Hand Uniform

Second-hand clothing is available at Gunnersbury for families to purchase for a nominal fee. Details of the available second hand stock are available from our school business manager: kerry-anne.smith@gunnersbury.hounslow.sch.uk.

Financial difficulties in purchasing uniform

Gunnersbury Catholic School will seek to support families who are enduring financial difficulties that are impeding the purchase of the required school uniform for their child(ren). To request support for the acquirement of uniform please email our school business manager: kerry-anne.smith@gunnersbury.hounslow.sch.uk.

Aspects of the school uniform and appearance requirements may be disapplied by the school for identified pupils with specific and documented medical, religious or cultural reasons. Application for such a consideration is initiated through a written request to the Headteacher.