



# 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.

<p><b>SCHOOL BLAZER</b> Black with school badge permanently affixed to breast pocket</p>	<p>A blazer is a jacket with lapels and patch pockets.  <i>Available from John Lewis and other outlets</i></p>
<p><b>SHIRT</b> Plain light blue of conventional style.</p>	<p>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 John Lewis and other outlets</i></p>
<p><b>TROUSERS</b> Long and Dark plain grey in colour and made of a material of worsted look 'suited' conventionally styled and neither excessively baggy nor tight. No turn-ups</p>	<p>Trousers must be the correct length and size. They must be properly fitting, worn at the waist and if necessary secured with a belt around the waist Trousers with patch pockets or those made from cotton twill type cloth, denim or corduroy are <b>not permitted</b> school uniform.  <i>Available from John Lewis and other outlets</i></p>
<p><b>SOCKS</b> Plain dark grey, navy or black.</p>	<p>In particular white socks or light coloured socks are not allowed.</p>
<p><b>SHOES</b> should be all black, lace-up leather or a leather substitute. Slip-on shoes and boots are <b>not allowed</b>.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>SCHOOL TIE</b> In correct house colours</p>	<p>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 John Lewis</i></p>
<p><b>PULLOVER</b> Mid grey and of 'V' neck style with school trim around the neck.</p>	<p>No other pullover is allowed - these need not be worn in warm weather.  <i>Available from John Lewis</i></p>
<p><b>TOPCOAT</b> Plain navy <b>School Topcoat</b></p>	<p>Only the navy 3-in-1 School Topcoat available from John Lewis in the uniform list is to be worn. When the weather is fine pupils may, if they wish, detach the lining of the School Topcoat. No other coat will be acceptable. Topcoats are not to be worn within the school buildings.  <i>Available from John Lewis</i></p>
<p><b>HAT</b> School hat (Optional item of uniform)</p>	<p><i>Purchased direct from school.</i></p>
<p><b>SCARF</b> School scarf (Optional item of uniform)</p>	<p><i>Available from John Lewis</i></p>
<p><b>Gloves</b> Plain sensible gloves may be worn in cold weather</p>	<p><i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i></p>
<p><b>The 'Gunnersbury' school bag</b> must be used to carry books and equipment (years 7 to 11)</p>	<p><i>Purchased direct from school.</i></p>

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	Blue PE polo shirt; white shorts - <i>Purchased direct from school.</i> Gym trainers <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>
GAMES KIT	School rugby jersey (Reversible); black shorts; long blue & white hooped socks <i>Available from John Lewis</i> Football/rugby boots <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i> Navy, dark grey or black 'skins' may be worn under the games kit in cold weather <i>Purchased at any suitable outlet</i>

## 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 is the only permitted headwear 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.

## 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)	A plain dark coloured business suit with a jacket (the trouser or skirt material must match the jacket); skirt must be worn <b>at the knee</b> and trousers should be tailored <b>not</b> 'legging' style.
Trousers must be tailored	Trousers must not be tight fitting to the body.
Plain white business-style shirt	Plain white blouse that is tailored, collared, buttoned and sleeved; blouse must not hang below the suit jacket
Shirt must not hang below the suit jacket	Gunnersbury Sixth Form tie (optional)
Gunnersbury Sixth Form tie / Senior Colours Tie ( <i>Available from John Lewis</i> )	Black or dark brown polishable shoes
Black or dark brown polishable shoes	Plain black <b>V-neck jumper</b> or cardigan (optional)
Plain black <b>V-neck jumper</b> or cardigan (optional)	If tights are worn, they must be black, dark grey or flesh coloured and in good condition
Dark socks	
6 <sup>th</sup> Form ID Badge	6 <sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.