



The Joseph Whitaker School

An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts

2026-27

Uniform Policy

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Years 7 – Years 11

At The Joseph Whitaker School we believe that having a smart uniform supports the development of an aspirational whole school ethos and ensures that students can learn without the distraction of the pressures from the latest fashions.

We hope that our students wear their uniforms with pride and we are unapologetic in our high expectations around this.

With this in mind, we need to be very clear in our expectations of our uniform so there is no ambiguity or misinterpretation of our expectations. The following are very clear instructions regarding the standard of uniform expected and detail what is and what is not acceptable.

In January 2023 we implemented changes to reduce the cost and make the sourcing of items easier.

Compulsory	Purchased from	Guidance
Navy blue blazer with school badge	Your School Uniform only	Blazer sleeves should not have turn ups
School House clip on tie	Your School Uniform	Clumber - Yellow Newstead – Blue Rufford – Red Sherwood – Green
Plain white collared school shirt	Any supplier	Short- or long-sleeved
Plain mid/dark grey or black tailored school trousers or Lycra/Jersey trousers	Any supplier	No jeggings, No cropped trousers (they should lie below the ankle bone) or with turn ups No denim or cord material Plain dark full ankle socks to be worn with school trousers (trainer/half socks are not permitted)

We keep a small stock of new ties in school should replacements be required throughout the year.

Students choosing to wear a skirt: mid or dark grey pleated, knee-length school skirt.	Any supplier Your School Uniform do offer a pleated style	Set style of skirt: pleated (one or more pleats). No tight fitting or Lycra skirts Skirts should be knee length - ‘The hemline of the skirt should be ‘on the knee’ with a tolerance of 3cm either above or below the knee.” Please measure from the belly-button to the knee and to allow for movement go to next length). If a student wears a skirt that does not comply with this they will be directed to wear trousers indefinitely. Plain black opaque tights must be worn with a skirt
Shorts (summer half-term option) Black, tailored JWS shorts	Your School Uniform only	In the final half term of the academic year (June/July) student may choose to wear a pair of JWS shorts in place of their trousers or skirt/tights. Black socks and school shoes still to be worn with the shorts.
Plain, flat, black shoes that are appropriate for walking around the school site Smart, flat black boots (may be worn with trousers)	Any supplier	Canvas shoes, pumps or trainers are not acceptable. No white rims or logos No other markings or colours Plain black laces Suitable to be worn with a suit. No high-heels, no platforms, no large embellishments Caution: some shops advertise items as school shoes when in fact they are not a shoe
Optional		
Navy blue plain, bold V-neck sweater/jumper	Any supplier (or they are available from Your School Uniform)	Round neck or black jumpers, or any jumpers with logos on are not permitted

All students must have a suitable school bag, fully equipped, every day.

Outdoor coats and appropriate wear for inclement weather

- A coat is recommended in cold or wet weather, but this should be plain and must not have any offensive logos or motifs.
- A hooded jersey or shell top, with or without a zip, is **not** part of The Joseph Whitaker School uniform and **must not** be worn. **Hoodies cannot be worn as coats.**
- When there is snow or ice on the ground, students should wear appropriate footwear to and from school (e.g. wellington boots), as well as at lunchtime, but have their school shoes available for lessons.

Physical Education Kit

Compulsory	Purchased from	Guidance
Plain white polo shirt or t shirt	Any supplier (plain)	No visible logos.
Either navy blue rugby shirt with school badge or ¼ zip training top	Your School Uniform only	Male students participate in rugby during PE lessons and so a rugby top is required please.
Black or Navy blue shorts	Any supplier	Tight fitting athletic style short (cycling shorts) must be an appropriate style for school and longer than 5 inch in length (<i>no hotpant style</i>)
Navy blue football socks	Any supplier	Anyone representing JWS in teams should have JWS specific socks. Other students may wear usual training socks.
Training shoes	Any supplier	Non marking soles if possible
Optional		
Plain black sports leggings	Any supplier	Must be totally opaque when worn – sports leggings, (not fashion leggings). No large logos or designs
Black or navy blue jogging bottoms	Any supplier	
Recommended		
Football boots	Any supplier	
Shin pads	Any supplier	Compulsory for team players in contact sports
Gum shield for contact sports	Any supplier	Highly advisable for team players

Further guidance is available on the school website.

Make-up, hair and jewellery

- Make up, including nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails or overlays, false eyelashes and/or extensions, and HD brow make-up **must not be worn**.
Students **may wear foundation** make-up which is both natural and subtle.
- Hair should be natural in colour, with no patterns or tramlines shaved into the hair.
Fashion imitations are not acceptable. Hair must not be two, or multi toned
- Hair should not be shaved excessively short or into extreme styles.
- Jewellery – students may wear up to one pair of plain, small, stud earrings (one stud in each ear) and a watch. For health and safety reasons no other facial or body piercings are allowed; this includes piercings inside the mouth.

Equipment List

- Scientific Calculator
- Whiteboard
- Whiteboard Pen
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Pencil Case

These are our expectations as a school.

In choosing to send your child to The Joseph Whitaker School you are agreeing to these expectations.

Breaches in the uniform policy will be dealt with appropriately and you should be aware that we reserve the right to remove a student from lessons, contact home and send a student home if the policy is breached. In such instances, we would expect the student to return as soon as possible and be fully compliant with the above policy.

Adoption by the Governing Body



Headteacher

Signature Date: 2026



Chair of Governors

Signature Date: 2026



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