



## School Uniform Policy

### Introduction:

Our school uniform is important to help our students establish themselves as part of the USH community and to instill pride in their school.

### Purpose:

This policy has been designed so that there is clarity for both parents and students around our uniform expectations. In addition to this, we believe uniform is important for the following reasons:

- It contributes to our ethos and sets an appropriate tone to support positive behaviour.
- The wearing of our uniform should encourage pupils to treat each other and the school environment with respect.
- It should support pupils in learning how to dress in a manner appropriate to the activity being undertaken and the environment they inhabit.

### Aim:

Our aim is to set a standard of dress and appearance which will be appropriate and acceptable for the school and its community. Whilst the uniform should be smart and help students to have pride in themselves, it should also be comfortable, easy to wear and not a source of confrontation between staff and students.

Cost is also carefully considered in deciding on uniform design and uniform suppliers, and we review the contract arrangements with our supplier regularly so that parents continue to get value for money. We have tried to ensure that everything required is simple and hardwearing.

### Uniform Description:

Blazer	Royal blue embroidered with logo
Blouse	White long or short sleeved (should be tucked in at all times)
Tie	School tie must be worn at all times
Skirt	Black no shorter than knee length
Trousers	Black tailored (not narrow legged)
Socks/Tights	Black or white ankle socks or Plain black opaque or flesh coloured tights
Shoes	Black only (no trainers)

## General uniform guidance

### Hair:

- Hair should be clean and tidy
- Extreme hair styles including tram lines or unnatural colours are not permitted.
- Hair length should be a minimum grade 2 in length.
- Fashion hair accessories such as bows are not permitted.

### Makeup:

- Makeup is not permitted in key stage 3 (Years 7-9); it may be worn by key stage 4 students (Years 10-11) but should be natural looking.
- Nail varnish is not permitted to be worn by any students.

#### **Jewellery:**

- One set of single studs can be worn in each ear. These must be removed for practical subjects such as PE if requested by the member of staff.
- Students are also not permitted to wear necklaces, bracelets or rings. They may wear a watch.

#### **Footwear:**

- Trainers are not permitted except for PE.

#### **Hoodies and hats:**

- Students are not permitted to wear hoodies (unless it is a coat) or hats inside the school building.

#### **Other Guidance:**

- Boys are allowed to grow beards but these should be kept clean and tidy
- Extreme styles or fashion statements that the school deems to be unreasonable, along with any hair adornments are not permitted.

#### **Physical Education:**

- PE kit consists of the following: reversible blue and cream rugby jersey, plain white T-shirt for athletics and gymnastics, black shorts, black 'skorts' (cross between a skirt and shorts), black socks, white socks, football boots, training shoes and towel. The t-shirt and Rugby shirt are also available through the school.
- All kit must be properly named and labelled.
- The wearing of shin pads is compulsory and we also strongly advise the wearing of a mouth guard for some sports, please contact the PE Department if you need specific advice about this.

**School Uniform Stockist:** School uniform is available from Skoolkit at Unit 1 Totton Shopping Centre, 1 Commercial Road, Totton, SO40 3BX. Telephone: 023 8066 7600. Website: [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk)

**Financial Assistance for Uniforms:** These are the key headlines regarding the support available to parents for the purchase of uniform items:

- If you are receiving Free School Meals, financial assistance may be available to help provide the essential clothing items that your child needs to attend school.
- The school offers support to eligible parents at the beginning of Year 7 and Year 9.
- A Uniform Grant application form is available from the School Finance Office. They will be happy to assist parents in the completion of this form where necessary.
- Uniform support will also be considered for students eligible for pupil premium funding. Requests must be made via the School Finance Office.
- Support for the purchase of school uniform items from our welfare budget may be considered for other parents. We would encourage parents to speak with their child's Head of Year in these circumstances.
- If a uniform grant is awarded to a parent they will receive a voucher to use at our school uniform supplier, Skoolkit; no cash payment is given to parents.

#### **Communication with Parents:**

Our uniform policy is available on the school website and given to new parents as they join the school. Prospective parents are sent clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child. As an ongoing reminder, and to provide clarity to parents, we periodically remind them about our uniform expectations (see Appendix One). Students are reminded via tutor and assembly time. We hope that parents will support us by sending students in the correct uniform and help us to maintain high standards.

**Procedure in the event of non-compliance:**

Non-compliance with the uniform policy is investigated case by case and we may impose sanctions for a breach of policy. Uniform is routinely checked at the start of each day during tutor time and tutors will request that any changes are made as necessary. Students who are unable or unwilling to wear the correct uniform will remain with their tutor until the matter is satisfactorily resolved.

**Lost Property:**

Students are able to check lost property during break times and after school. Once every term, items which have been handed in will be displayed and students will be able to collect lost belongings. Items will be held for a maximum of one term and any unclaimed items will be disposed of through local charities.

Mobile telephones, iPods, MP3 players and other electrical devices brought into school remain the responsibility of their owners. The school cannot accept responsibility for these items, including any loss or damage occurred whilst at school.

## Appendix One

## USH Uniform Expectations

Girls- this information is for guidance purposes to support parents as they purchase uniform.

### Plain Black trousers or skirt

Trouser must be smart school style only. Trousers must not be skin tight or legging style. The material must not be cord or denim. Miss Sixty trousers are permitted, provided they are boot cut, not straight leg.



Black tailored  
Straight leg  
school trousers



Black tailored  
Boot cut  
School trousers



Black Miss Sixty  
Trousers skinny  
leg



Black leggings



**Skirts** must be no shorter than 2cm above the knee with no fashion detailing such as pockets or zips. They must be pleated or straight but not cling to the body. The material must not be jean or jersey.



Black pleated  
School skirt



Black pencil  
School skirt



Black pencil  
Skirt (clingy  
material)



Black skater  
Skirt



**Girls' shoes** must be plain black leather shoes with a maximum 2cm heel. Trainers or boots are not permitted including black leather converse style. Girls can wear plain, non-patterned socks in white or black but they must be ankle length. Plain black or neutral tights may also be worn.



Girls black leather shoes



Girls black leather flat school shoes



Girls black leather converse (or any black sport shoes)



Girls black boots



**Boys - this information is for guidance purposes to support parents as they purchase uniform.**

Plain black trouser

Trousers must be smart school style only. Trousers must not be tight fit, chino or denim style.



Boys black tailored school trousers



Boys black tailored school trousers straight leg



Boys black cargo trousers or chinos



Boys black jeans



**Boys' shoes** must be plain black leather shoes. Trainers or boots are not permitted including black leather converse style. Socks must be black or white ankle socks.



Boys black leather shoes



Boys black leather loafer shoes





Boys black boots



Boys black vans or any black sports shoes



**BOTH**

All students must wear a white shirt, USH school tie and USH blazer. Students are permitted to wear a navy blue V neck jumper under their blazer.

