



STRATFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

Our uniform¹ is an essential part of our identity. It instils a sense of pride and belonging in our school and signals a readiness to be part of our learning community.

Through the school's uniform, we aim to:

- encourage pride in the school
- support teaching and learning and a positive work ethic
- enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- ensure that all students feel welcome and included in our community.
- encourage a sense of equality and cohesion

All members of the community are expected to uphold the values of the school and share its high aspirations. All students are required to wear the relevant uniform, and high standards of personal appearance are both expected and monitored.

We want our students to be smart at all times. The uniform identifies them to the school and they are therefore our ambassadors. It is school policy that uniform is worn at all times during the school day and for all out of hours school events unless directed otherwise by the school. Uniform should be worn correctly to and from school as the impression our students give in the community is of extreme importance. Our uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Stratford Girls' Grammar School parents/carers agree to support our policy. This is clearly stated in the Home-School Agreement and Sixth Form Learning Contract.

¹ In this policy reference to 'uniform' denotes both main school uniform and our sixth form dress code.

2. Main School Dress / General Uniform: Years 7 to 11 from September 2023

We expect students to dress in a manner that is suitable for an educational environment and fits in with our priorities for health, safety and security, and is suitable for learning.

The list, however, is not exhaustive and the overriding principle is that it is the judgement of staff that determines what is suitable.

Overall look	Students wear a graphite grey blazer with white blouse/shirt which is tucked into either a grey stripe tartan, pleated skirt* for Years 7 to 9 / plain charcoal grey kick pleat skirt* for Years 10 to 11 or charcoal grey tailored trousers or charcoal grey tailored shorts for any year. A purple jumper with grey stripe can also be worn over the shirt and under the blazer for additional warmth.	
Specific SGGS uniform items - need to be sourced from the school uniform supplier		
Blazer	Graphite grey Trutex Blazer (AGB-GRA). House colour ribbon stitched at the top of the school badge.	
Skirt	Castle Tartan Trutex Stitch-Down Pleat (GST-CAS) (for Years 7-9)	“Charcoal” Brennan KJ189 twin kick pleat skirt (for Years 10 and 11)
	Skirt length must be on the knee. ‘On the knee’ means at any time in the academic year, a student’s skirt should be sitting on the top of their knee at the very least.	
V Neck Jumper	Purple and Grey Insert Cotton V Neck Trutex (SCGV).	
Standard uniform items - are not required to be sourced from the school uniform supplier		
Trouser	Charcoal grey tailored trouser (either straight leg or boot leg)	
Shorts	Charcoal grey tailored shorts Short length must be long, ie towards the knee	
Blouse/Shirt	Revere collar white, long or short sleeved – needs to be tucked in Collared shirt white, long or short sleeved – needs to be tucked in Extra white clothes can be worn under the blouse in cold weather – but these extras must not be visible.	
Socks / tights	Plain black opaque tights or plain long or short black socks or neutral tights. Knee length socks are not permitted.	
Scarves	Muslim students who wish to wear the hijab (headscarf) are welcome to do so, provided that the fabric is plain, lightweight and grey, black or white.	
Shoes suitable for school use	Plain black conventional flat shoes or low wide-heeled shoes with soft soles. Boots are not permitted. Plimsolls or trainers are permitted only for sport.	
Belt	Only a thin plain black belt may be worn with trousers.	

Travel to and from School	Hoodie / sweatshirt worn under the blazer when travelling to and from school are not allowed, this also applies during the School day. No denim is permitted at any time.
Science overall	Lab coat available from school.
SGGS expectations of personal appearance	
<p>SGGS expects personal presentation to be natural in appearance and within the acceptable bounds of the criteria set out in the uniform policy. We expect students to dress in a manner that is suitable for an educational environment and fits in with our priorities for health, safety and security, and is suitable for learning/.</p> <p>The list, however, is not exhaustive and the overriding principle is that it is the judgement of staff that determines what is suitable.</p>	
Jewellery	<p>The following are permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A watch – please note that use of smart watches come under the ICT Use (Student) Policy and are not to be worn in exams • Small silver or gold ear studs (one in each ear lobe). Hoops or dangling earrings are not permitted. • A discreet pendant necklace. (Discreet means not in view, i.e. on a longer chain) or bracelet that is intrinsic to the student's religious identity. For example: a necklace with cross, star of David, or star and crescent. A Kara bracelet may be worn. <p>Parents are welcome to contact the school to discuss any item their child wishes to wear on religious grounds or because of a neurodiversity. This will be at the school's discretion.</p> <p>Dress or fashion necklaces, bracelets or rings are not permitted.</p> <p>Students will be asked to remove any items not listed above. In PE lessons, (or other practical settings) students will be asked to either remove or cover up jewellery (e.g. with sweatband) for the safety of the individual concerned and that of other students.</p>
Make-up	<p>Discrete make up, ie foundation, concealer, mascara, is permitted to create a natural look. Students wearing excessive make-up will be asked to remove it.</p> <p>Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted for Health and Safety reasons.</p> <p>False lashes are not permitted.</p>
Piercings and tattoos/henna	<p>With the exception of a single stud in each ear lobe, no facial or visible bodily decorative piercings or tattoos are allowed.</p> <p>SGGS will accommodate requests for Henna to be worn during religious observance, ie Diwali, Eid, but requests for wearing should be made in advance to the relevant Head of House. Henna should not be worn during exams in accordance with JCQ guidance.</p>
Hair	Should be appropriate for a school environment i.e. no extremes of fashion, colour or styles. Long hair should be tied back when Health and Safety require it (e.g. in science, art and technology lessons, and for PE).

	Hair accessories must be suitable for a school environment.
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The school uniform supplier for Years 7 to 11 is:

National Schoolwear Centres - Alcester Branch
3/4 Bulls Head Yard
Alcester
Warwickshire B49 5BX
Tel: 01789 400344

(www.alcesterjsc.co.uk)

3. PE Kit from September 2023

The PE kit comprises of the following **compulsory** items:

- SGGS Branded polo shirt
- SGGS Branded plain black skort and/or shorts
- SGGS Colour Socks
- SGGS Branded Plain black base layer leggings
- SGGS Branded sweatshirt

Optional items:

- SGGS Branded Training Top
- SGGS Branded Base layer top
- SGGS Branded Shower proof jacket
- SGGS Branded Tracksuit bottoms

These items are available from Price and Buckland (P&B). They offer an online ordering service, and payment is made at the point of placing your order, they will be sent direct to your homes (a delivery charge of £3.95 will be applied to all orders under £100).

Any further orders can be delivered to school, free of charge, and we are scheduled to receive a maximum of two bulk deliveries of PE kit per month, however parents can still choose to have orders sent to your homes.

When you place your online order with P&B, you will notice that all kit includes lettering of up to three initials, at no additional cost. These are compulsory, as we wish to be relieved of our ever-growing mountain of unnamed kit. We request that parents continue to name their daughters kit.

The following additional items for all Year Group, which are not required to be SGGS Branded, can be purchased from our supplier or from any good sports shop:

- Sports trainers
- White ankle socks for netball, indoor PE, summer PE
- Shin guards for hockey, football and lacrosse
- Small sports bag to put kit in (students should consider the size of their locker before buying their PE bag)
- Mouthguard (optional but highly recommended for rugby and hockey)
- Hockey stick and tennis racket (optional: school will provide for lessons)
- Gloves, hat (optional for cold weather)

4. Sixth Form Dress Code from September 2023

The aim of the sixth form dress code is to ensure that students project a smart and professional image reflecting the community values and high standards of the school.

Clothes must be suitable for a mixed school/business environment and fits in with our priorities for health, safety and security, and is suitable for learning. They should be coordinated in both style and colour. Extremes of fashion do not have a place in the school.

The list, however, is not exhaustive and the overriding principle is that it is the judgement of staff that determines what is suitable.

Overall look	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tailored jacket or blazer 	A jacket/blazer must be worn at all times around school.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailored trousers 	Not permitted: shorts, chinos, denim, leather, khakis, jeggings, skinny-fit trousers and leggings.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tailored skirt or dress 	<p>Skirts/dresses should be closer in length to the knee than the thighs and in all cases longer than fingertips when hands are placed by your side.</p> <p>Not permitted: bodycon/jersey skirts or dresses; maxi (ie ankle length) skirts and dresses; skirts with a high slit; denim, suede and leather skirts.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirts and tops 	<p>Collared and/or buttoned blouses, long- or short-sleeved tops, providing cleavage and midriff are not exposed. Patterned or plain coloured.</p> <p>Not permitted: backless tops, strappy tops/vests. T-shirts are not permitted. No graphics or large logos.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jumpers and cardigans 	<p>Jumpers and/or cardigans cannot be worn instead of a jacket. If worn, the jumper or cardigan must be worn underneath the jacket and should be smart knitwear.</p> <p>Not permitted: large logos or graphics on jumpers, hoodies, sports jumpers or sweatshirts.</p>

Socks/tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain white or coloured socks or tights 	Not permitted: patterns, logos, graphics, lace, knee or over-the-knee socks
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart closed-toe flat or low-heeled shoes/boots. 	<p>Heels should not be higher than 5cm. Smart leather/equivalent plain ankle or calf length boots with a low heel are permitted.</p> <p>Not permitted: high heels, knee length boots, flip-flops, trainers, boat shoes or other casual shoes</p>
Coats	Coats should not be worn inside school buildings or classrooms: please use storage or coat hooks in the Manor.	
Jewellery and make-up	Modest, unobtrusive jewellery appropriate for a working environment may be worn: one pair fashion earrings only. Any other ear piercings must be studs.	

	Make-up is permitted but should not be extreme. Students wearing excessive make-up will be asked to remove it.
Piercings and tattoos/henna	<p>With the exception of studs in the ears, no facial or visible bodily decorative piercing are permitted. Nose piercings are allowed only when authorised by the Head of Sixth Form on cultural/ religious grounds.</p> <p>A person in the UK must be at least 18 years before they can have a tattoo. It is illegal to tattoo anyone under the age of 18 - even with parental consent. Students over 18 who have tattoos must keep them covered at all times. Henna should not be worn during exams in accordance with JCQ guidance</p>
Hair	<p>Long hair should be tied back when Health and Safety requires it.</p> <p>Not permitted: extremes of fashion, colours or styles.</p>

5. Identification of personal items

All uniform must be named so that it can be returned to students if lost. Any unclaimed items will be kept for two weeks only and then recycled.

6. Enforcement of the uniform code

It is the responsibility of the students to adhere to the dress code. We anticipate parental co-operation in ensuring that their daughter comes to school in the correct dress code (***see the Home School Agreement and Sixth Form Learning Contract***). All staff have a responsibility for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on site.

Students who fail to adhere to the dress code will be sanctioned in line with the school's Behaviour Policy if there is no good reason given.

Main School

Sanctions include detention, internal exclusions and being sent home to change. Students who come to school inappropriately dressed will be sent home to change. Parent/carers will be contacted if this is the case. The Heads of House, and Assistant Head – and ultimately the Headteacher – are the final arbiters of what is acceptable.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form students not adhering to the dress code will be:

1. Warned by a member of staff and sent to register at the Sixth Form Office.
2. At the Sixth Form Office, where needed, suitable loan clothing will be given for that day.
3. Asked to go home and change, or work in isolation in the Manor the second time the dress code is broken. In all such cases parents will be notified and the absence will be recorded.

If a student repeatedly infringes the School's rules on uniform, this will constitute a disciplinary offence and may be grounds for exclusion.

Please note that the Sixth Form Office makes the final decision on appropriate dress.

7. Issues arising from the dress code

Requests to vary the code for particular reasons such as medical needs or for religion, will always be carefully considered and should be directed to a student's Head of House in the first instance. Only school badges should be displayed on blazers.

Any other questions regarding the school uniform should be directed to a student's Head of House, Head of Sixth Form or the Assistant Head: Progress and Well-being in the first instance.

8. FOS Pre-Loved Uniform

Friends of Stratford Grammar (FoS) are pleased to offer quality pre-loved uniform items for Years 7 to 11 at significantly reduced prices.

Their stock changes continually so if there is an item that you need please send a request, and they will arrange some items for trying at home.

Email fos@sggs.org.uk with what you need and an idea of size.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed annually and aims to be fair, reasonable and affordable. The School has consulted widely in formulating the uniform requirements (including with students and parents). Governors are mindful of the availability of items and due consideration is given to the costs associated with school uniform. Quality and durability are the key measures used when setting the uniform policy. Wherever possible the School has ensured that the uniform can be purchased from high street shops, other retail outlets and internet suppliers. However, where it has been determined that SGGS branded or unique items are required from a school supplier, the School makes regular price, quality, durability and service comparisons with different stockists and considers important issues such as cost and availability of non-standard sizes. Alternative providers are considered each year.