

The Four Stones Multi Academy Trust

Uniform Policy at King Charles I School

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Our uniform policy has been created in conjunction with the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.

At King Charles I School we are proud of our standards of school uniform that are the result of a high degree of co-operation between parents/carers, students and the school.

We are firm believers in a school uniform that is properly and consistently worn. We believe that this helps young people to develop a real pride in themselves and their school and to look smart helps them to think smart too. Uniform helps students to feel part of our community, and makes the point that there is no discrimination. It sets a standard which supports our expectations of work and behaviour. We find it helps maintain the right environment for learning.

All students wear their uniform both in school and when representing the school at events or on visits. When the students are travelling to and from school in the community we expect that the same high uniform expectations are met with the students wearing the uniform with pride and role modelling our beliefs. Outdoor coats may be worn over, but not instead of, blazers which are compulsory in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. In this respect we expect no less from our students than an employer would expect of their employees.

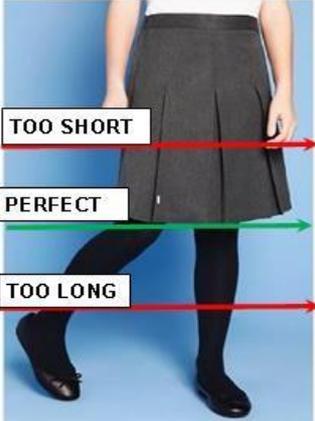
We recommend that name tapes should be put into all garments.

The school keeps a stock of uniform and shoes. If students attend school dressed inappropriately, they will be expected to borrow items and change. If this is not possible we reserve the right to place students in isolation until the issue has been rectified and our expectations have been met.

Boys' Uniform

Blazer	Navy blue with school badge. Blazers should be worn at all times.
Jumpers (optional)	Navy blue, long sleeved V necked jumper with school crest. They may be worn as well as, but not instead of, blazers. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies.
Trousers	Formal black trousers. Please see the examples of acceptable trousers. They must be black, plain and smart trousers. They must not be low rise, skinny fit, tight fitting, denim/jean or chino trousers.
Shirt	Plain white and formal style. Short or long sleeves with collar (no motifs). Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not to be worn under shirts. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
Shoes	Formal plain black shoes. Students are not permitted to wear black trainers, canvas shoes or boots. Shoes with buckles, studs and logos are not permitted. Please see the examples of appropriate and inappropriate footwear.
Socks	Plain black or navy blue.

Girls' Uniform

Blazer	Navy blue with school badge. Blazers should be worn at all times.
Jumpers (optional)	Navy blue, long sleeved V necked jumper with school crest. They may be worn as well as, but not instead of, blazers. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies.
Trousers	Formal black trousers. Please see the examples of acceptable trousers. They must be black, plain smart trousers. They must not be low rise, skinny fit lycra, tight fitting, denim/jean or chino trousers. The trousers must not have external buckles, rivets, zips or logos. No other variation will be acceptable.
Skirt	Formal black or navy blue school skirt. Please see the examples of acceptable skirts. The skirt needs to be of an appropriate length (see below). It must be knee length and must not be of stretchy lycra material that is tight fitting. The skirt must not have external buckles rivets, zips or logos. No other variation will be acceptable. 
Shirt/blouse	Plain white and formal style. Short or long sleeves with collar (no motifs). Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not to be worn under shirts/blouses. Shirts/blouses should be tucked in at all times.
Shoes	Formal plain black shoes. Students are not permitted to wear black trainers or canvas shoes. Shoes with buckles, studs and logos are not permitted. Girls are not permitted to wear boots. Maximum heel height of an inch is acceptable. Stiletto type heels of any height are not acceptable. Please see the examples of appropriate and inappropriate footwear.
Socks	Plain black or navy blue. Trainer socks are not acceptable.
Tights	Plain navy blue or black opaque tights may be worn. During the summer term, girls may wear flesh coloured tights. Fake tan is unacceptable as a substitute to flesh coloured tights.

Ties

The clip-on tie will reflect the College your son/daughter is in by a band of colour across the tie. Students in Blounts will need to purchase a tie with a yellow stripe, students in Chads a blue stripe and students in Queens a green stripe. The tie should be attached correctly at all times.

Make-up

Make-up (including nail varnish and false nails) should not be worn at all by students.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn at all by students. Boys and girls with pierced ears may wear small plain gold or silver stud earrings, which must not be 'jewel style' earrings. There should only be one earring in each lobe. No other piercing is allowed.

Hair

As a health and safety measure, long hair should be tied back from the face whenever students are required to do so. This applies to both boys and girls. Hair bobbles used to tie the hair back should be brown or black-other colours are not acceptable. Hair bands must be brown, navy or black. Hairstyles should be in keeping with a formal place of work. Therefore, no extreme hair styles or colours are permissible-eg dip dyeing, extreme bleaching, patterns shaved into the hairstyle or eyebrows are not permitted.

Bags

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should have a suitable bag that is appropriate for day-to-day use. All students have the use of a school locker where they should leave their bag at the beginning of the day. They should ensure that they take all appropriate equipment from their lockers to lessons. Lockers can be accessed before and after school and at break/lunch times. They should not be accessed between period 1 and 2/4 and 5 or during lessons.

PE kit

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students should have the following PE kit:

Girls' PE kit	Boys' PE kit
*King Charles polo shirt	*King Charles polo shirt
*King Charles hooded top (optional)	*King Charles hooded top (optional)
Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms (fashion shorts and tracksuit bottoms are not permitted. The tracksuit bottoms should be predominately navy with no large logos or writing)	Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms (fashion shorts and tracksuit bottoms are not permitted. The tracksuit bottoms should be predominately navy with no large logos or writing)
Navy blue football socks (as directed by staff)	Navy blue football socks (as directed by staff)
White Socks (as directed by staff)	White Socks (as directed by staff)
Training shoes (not fashion pumps). Astroturf trainers or rubber moulded boots are the most appropriate for the field and 3G astroturf facility.	Training shoes (not fashion pumps). Astroturf trainers or rubber moulded boots are the most appropriate for the field and 3G astroturf facility.
White or navy base layers (optional)	White or navy base layers (optional)
Navy or black gloves (directed by staff)	Navy or black gloves (directed by staff)
Years 9, 10 and 11 students only-one piece swimsuit (no bikinis) and swimming hat	Years 9, 10 and 11 students only-trunks or swim shorts and swimming hat

* these items can only be purchased from The School Shop

All students opting for examination PE at key stage 4 or 5 have the opportunity to purchase an examination polo top, hooded top and rain jacket.

Shin Pads: For safety and protection, shin pads are compulsory for all football lessons, training and fixtures for all girls and boys.

Mouth guards: The wearing of personally designed mouth guards is recommended as a valuable means of protection for rugby training and fixtures. Lessons in Year 7 & 8 will involve 'touch rugby' and therefore would only be optional due to tackling restrictions.

Studs for football boots: Students wearing football boots should ensure that their studs are of the new composite type carrying the British Standard Kite mark. Rubber moulded studs are the most appropriate but blades and metal studs are not permitted on the 3G astroturf facility on the upper site.

NB: Several curriculum lessons are timetabled on the 3G astroturf in Years 9 to 13 so please be aware of this when buying new trainers.

The wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs are not permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hours school learning or competitive fixtures. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other students. Removal of any jewellery will be insisted upon, so please take this into account when considering piercings and the healing period. Plasters placed over piercings are not permitted. Failure to remove any jewellery upon request will be treated as defiance and the student will be issued a C3 and removed from the lesson.

Technology

Students will be provided with aprons for their technology lessons. All students opting for GCSE catering will need to purchase chef whites, hat, hair net and a navy and white butcher's apron.

Sixth Form Dress Code

The dress code for students in the sixth form is smart casual wear and they should wear items from the following lists:

Male students

- Jacket, smart tailored cardigan or smart jumper.
- Trousers-smart black jeans are acceptable.
- Shirt-long or short sleeves with a collar (no large motifs). Polo shirts are acceptable. Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not to be worn under shirts. Long sleeved shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- Shoes (leather or leather looking).

Female students

- Jacket, smart tailored cardigan or smart jumper.
- Skirt (knee length).
- Trousers-smart black jeans are acceptable.
- Smart dress.
- Shirt/Blouse with a collar (no large motifs). Coloured or patterned T-shirts are not to be worn under shirts. Shirts/blouses should be tucked in at all times.
- Shoes (leather or leather looking).

Students studying PE, BTEC sport or dance must attend school following the dress code and then change into their kit for practical lessons only.

The following items of clothing are not allowed: hats, trainers, canvas shoes, high heels, flip-flops, short skirts (above the knee), shorts, vest tops with straps less than 3 inches wide, strapless tops or dresses, sun dresses, leggings, jeggings, any type of jeans except for smart black ones, tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts, hoodies, denim shirts and military clothing (except for CCF activities).

Please note that:

- students with pierced ears may wear small plain gold or silver stud earrings, which must not be 'jewel style' earrings. There should only be one earring in each lobe. No other piercing is allowed.
- hairstyles should be in keeping with a formal place of work. Therefore, no extreme hair styles or colours are permissible-eg dip dyeing, extreme bleaching, patterns shaved into the hairstyle or eyebrows are not permitted.

Students in the sixth form who attend school wearing the incorrect dress will be sent home to change.

Where to Purchase Uniform

The uniform can be bought at The School Shop, Prospect Hill, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 1PA.

Affordability

At King Charles I School, we are conscious that the cost of uniform can be a burden to families. We offer the following to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all families:

- Keep branded items to a minimum. There are three compulsory branded items: The school blazer, tie and PE top. All other items of the uniform are available to purchase at a range of retailers.
- We keep a stock of uniform and shoes which can be loaned to students until the family can replaced the item.
- Make second-hand uniform available. This can be requested through contacting office@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk
- Offer discounted prices for the students who qualify for Free School Meals.
- Annually review the total cost of the uniform.