



THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY 2017/18

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A uniform creates a sense of **belonging** and shows **pride** in our school and our commitment to a shared vision, values and ethos. It helps to promote a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning. It promotes equality of opportunity and protects our students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It nurtures school cohesion and promotes positive behaviour.

School uniform is therefore compulsory in Years 7-11.

We do not accept facial jewellery or inappropriate hairstyles at any stage in the school. Although there is no uniform for Sixth Form students, we reserve the right to insist on appropriate dress.

Following extensive consultation with our students, parents and staff, the uniform at The King Alfred School is as follows:

Shirts/blouses – White with the school logo. Shirts should be tucked in and blouses not tucked in. Blouses must be buttoned up. Coloured T-shirts or those with a bold logo should not be worn under school shirts.

Trousers– Regular plain black smart trousers. Jeans, jeans-style, leggings, jeggings, joggers or other similar trousers are not permitted. 'Skinny' and slim cut trousers are now acceptable (following student and parent feedback). Trousers should not be rolled or turned up at the ankle.

Please note some 'school-type' trousers on sale in mainstream shops may not conform to the school's policy. Please check our website or discuss with your child's Tutor if you are unsure.

Skirts – Skirts should be A-line or straight, plain black and of an appropriate length which ensures that they do not lie more than 5 centimetres above or below the knee. Tight, stretchy material skirts are not permitted

Split skirts should be avoided, but if worn the split should be less than 10cm. Plain black tights are encouraged with a skirt.

Jumpers (optional) – Black V neck with the school logo.

Shoes – Shoes must be plain black, closed toe school shoes with no studs or metal. Trainers, trainer-style sports shoes, boots, backless shoes, canvas or 'plimsoll' type shoes including Converse and Vans, are not permitted.

Coats – Coats must be sensible and appropriate for school. **Coats should be showerproof and not made from sweatshirt material.** Hoodies (both zipped and pullover style), tracksuit tops and denim jackets/coats are not permitted. Year 11s only are allowed to wear their Leavers' Hoodies.

PE Kit

Compulsory items that can only be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk:

Unisex Polo top, Rugby top (boys only)

Compulsory items that can be bought from goldstaruniforms.co.uk or from other retailers:

Black (plain) shorts, Red (scarlet) sports socks

Optional items that can be bought from other retailers:

Navy/black tracksuit trousers

Optional item that can be purchased from School or Goldstar:

Plain black hoodie – no logos or coloured piping.

New style PE hoodie from Goldstar.

It is recommended that all items should be **clearly labelled with the student's name.**

Please note that just because a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this does not make it our school uniform.

Personal appearance

Hair – Use of hair dyes to achieve unnatural colours is not permitted. Extreme hair colours and styles are not permitted – this includes shaved patterns, lines or steps. Excessive gelled hair styles are 'extremes of fashion' and are not acceptable in school. Hair should be tidy and of such a length that there is no risk of it getting caught when tied back in practical lessons.

Jewellery – this is limited to one plain stud in each ear lobe and/or one appropriate ring per hand.

No other forms of piercing are acceptable this includes sleepers, ear tunnels, ear stretchers, ear barrels, facial jewellery, tongue studs and retainers.

Make up – If worn this should be discreet and neutral in colour. Excessive makeup is not appropriate for school. Nail varnish should be plain and limited to natural colours. Nails should be an appropriate length. Acrylic nails are not acceptable. Inappropriate make-up or nail varnish will have to be removed at the HOY Office.

If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Tutor/Head of Year for guidance. Students who do not adhere to our uniform policy will be asked to return home to change, isolated or otherwise sanctioned until such time as they conform accordingly. This is in line with advice to Headteachers provided by the Department for Education.

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Draft School Uniform Policy 2018/19

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School uniform is therefore compulsory in Years 7 to 11. Although there is no uniform for Sixth Form students, we reserve the right to insist on appropriate dress.

Following consultation with our students, parents and staff, and approval by the Governing Body, the uniform at The King Alfred School for Year 7 from September 2018 is as follows:

- **Shirts** – Plain white collared shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. Coloured T-shirts or those with a bold logo should not be worn under school shirts. Polo shirts are not acceptable.
- **Trousers**– Regular plain black tailored trousers. Jeans, jeans-style trousers, leggings, jeggings, joggers, chinos, or other similar trousers are not permitted. Please note some 'school-type' trousers on sale in mainstream shops may not conform to the school's policy. Please check our website or contact the school if you are unsure. Trousers should not be rolled or turned up at the ankle.
- **Skirts** – Skirts should be A-line or straight, plain black and of an appropriate length which ensures that they do not lie more than 5 centimetres above or below the knee. Split skirts should not be worn. Plain black tights should be worn with a skirt.
- **Blazer** – Black King Alfred School blazer with embroidered logo (available from Goldstar/Trutex). Compulsory for Year 7 from September 2018, optional for all other students. Also compulsory for Year 11 Prefects. Blazers must be worn at all times.
- **Tie** – Striped King Alfred School tie compulsory for all Year 7 students (available from Goldstar/Trutex). Prefect Tie compulsory for Year 11 Prefects.
- **Shorts** (optional) – During the Summer Term plain black tailored knee-length school shorts may be worn.
- **Jumpers** (optional) – Plain black V neck.
- **Shoes** – Shoes must be plain black, closed toe school shoes with no studs or metal. Trainers, sports-brand shoes, boots, backless shoes, canvas or 'plimsoll' type shoes including Converse and Vans, are not permitted.
- **Coats** – Coats must be sensible and appropriate for school. **Coats should be showerproof and not made from sweatshirt material.** Hoodies (pullover-style or zipped) and denim jackets/coats are not permitted. Year 11s only are allowed to wear their leavers' hoodies.

PE Kit

Unisex Polo top, Rugby top (boys only), both available from Goldstar.

Black (plain) shorts, Red (scarlet) sports socks.

Plain black tracksuit trousers (optional).

Plain black hoodie – no logos or coloured piping, or KAS PE hoodie from Goldstar (optional).

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It is recommended that all items should be **clearly labelled with the student's name**.

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