

## The Grove School Uniform Policy September 2016

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school, and promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, supporting the high standards we aspire to. It gives our students a sense of identity.

Students in Years 7 – 11 are required to wear a school uniform at all times. We hope that parents will understand the reasons for our school uniform and support us.

We want our students to be smartly and sensibly dressed, and despite fashion trends we aim to have a uniform which is practical, comfortable and fit for purpose, but also reflects the ethos and values of the school. We also want our students to be proud of their uniform and their school. It is widely accepted that a uniform improves a child's attitude to work and allows them to focus on learning, rather than their appearance. A uniform also helps prepare our students for the world of work, 'dressed for business'; the business being that of learning. Also, a uniform reduces socio-economic differences and instances of bullying based on appearance.

### The compulsory uniform consists of:

#### Boys

- Grey blazer with embroidered logo
- Plain, white school shirt
- Grey school tie with embroidered badge purchased from the school
- Plain, black tailored school trousers
- Flat, black leather or leather look school shoes

#### Optional item

- A plain, black V neck jumper of a fine knit type may be worn under the blazer during the winter months.

#### Girls

- Grey blazer with embroidered logo
- Plain, white school shirt / blouse
- Grey school tie with embroidered badge purchased from the school
- Plain, black, tailored school trousers, or a straight, tailored knee length skirt.
- Black opaque tights
- Flat, black leather or leather look school shoes

#### Optional item

- A plain, black V neck jumper of a fine knit type may be worn under the blazer during the winter months.

**The following items are not permitted under any circumstances**

- Hoodies
- Canvas shoes/pumps or logoed shoes/trainers. The school has the final decision over the suitability of footwear.
- Boots, high heels, slipper-type pumps
- Hipster, jeans-style, frayed, lycra, skinny, decorated or casual trousers
- Short skirts/fitted skirts
- Wide belts/large buckles
- Unnatural hair colour
- Ear lobe stretchers, highly decorative earrings, bars or multiple ear piercings
- Excessive make-up
- Brightly coloured nail varnish and false nails
- Any form of headwear inside the school building.
- It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to have a tattoo and therefore we do not expect any of our Yr 7 – Yr 11 pupils to have one.

**PE Uniform**

- Red and white shirt
- Red and white or black shorts
- Red football socks (boys and girls)
- White sports socks for indoor (girls)

School blazers and all boys' and girls' PE clothing is available from our uniform supplier Trutex. Their details are:

Trutex.  
Unit 11, Emerald Way,  
Stone Business Park,  
Stone,  
Staffordshire,  
ST15 0SR

<http://www.trutexmeir.com>

Adaptations may be made to the uniform for medical, disability or religious reasons. If Parents/Carers wish to discuss this, please contact the school.