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UNIFORM EXPECTATION
GUIDE 2025-26**



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Uniform and Appearance

Ensuring pupils attend school dressed smartly in school uniform is the foundation for high standards in other aspects of school life, including a positive work ethic and conduct in and around school. First impressions count and by continually reinforcing our high standards of uniform and appearance, we aim to prepare our pupils for the world of work.

Our uniform guide is designed to support with this process by outlining our expectations which, in turn, will help parents/carers to understand what is expected of their child when the academic year begins in September.

Our intention is to ensure that pupils look smart, but not at the undue expense to families. It is important to know that only official school uniform needs to be purchased from our suppliers. We have ensured as a school that the cost of our uniform is affordable, yet of the highest quality. All official items (blazer, tie and PE kit) are only available to purchase via our official uniform suppliers. However, all other items can either be purchased from our suppliers, other clothing stores or supermarkets.

We hope this uniform guide provides both pupils and families with clarity around our uniform expectations. We have the highest expectations of our pupils and throughout the academic year, pupils should expect to be challenged by staff where they fail to meet our expectations with regard to school uniform. This applies particularly to footwear, where pupils can expect to be asked to wear 'shoes' provided by school in the event of arriving in unacceptable footwear. Also, the school reserves the right to confiscate items that do not conform to the school's expectations with regard to uniform. These items will be stored safely and returned to the individual at an appropriate time by a designated member of staff.

The school retains a selection of ties, blazers, trousers and skirts; as well as shoes of all sizes. Where a pupil fails to attend school in the correct uniform, they will be expected to exchange the item and borrow our uniform. Therefore, we really appreciate your support in advance by checking your child is dressed appropriately for school.

Thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions regarding our uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of our wellbeing team, who will be more than happy to help.

Religious Clothing

Pupils have the right to manifest their religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times or places, or in a particular manner. Chepstow School will carefully consider dress code for pupils who may wear or carry religious artefacts, not cut their hair, or cover their head. Some conformities may not be permitted due to health, safety and security considerations.

***This policy includes an appendix linked to reasonable adjustments authorised by our ALNCo and Deputy Headteacher.**

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Main School Uniform – Expectations



Chepstow School Black Blazer



Plain White Shirt



Chepstow School
Whole School
Tie



Chepstow School Black Blazer



Plain White Blouse



Black Tailored Trousers



Optional Black V-Neck Jumper



Black Pleated Skirt



Black Tailored Trousers



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Main School Uniform – Expectations

All pupils in KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 – 11) are expected to wear school uniform as outlined below:

- School Blazer - black, embroidered with school logo on the breast pocket - compulsory*
- Plain black formal, tailored, full length trousers, worn to the waist**
- Plain black skirt, box/knife pleated, not shorter than 8cms above knee** (longer lengths are available to purchase for taller pupils)
- Chepstow School Tie - compulsory*
- White shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved), which must to be tucked into trousers/skirt, with the top button fastened
- Plain formal black shoes, leather or leather look, hard sole, no heels**
- Plain black ankle socks
- Plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumper – optional, may be worn under the blazer, but not as an alternative

* These items are only available to purchase through our official uniform suppliers

** Please refer to page 6 and 7 of this guide, for amplification on acceptable styles

Jewellery

- A single stud in each ear is allowed
- All other visible jewellery is not allowed, which includes but is not limited to nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow piercings

Make up

- Appropriate make up may be worn; this should be suitable for a work environment
- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Excessive make up will be removed at the request of staff
- False nails or brightly painted nails are not permitted

Hair

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not be of an extreme style that brings attention to oneself. This includes but is not limited to shaved heads and “tramlines”
- Neutral hair colours only, brightly coloured hair is not permitted
- Long hair should be tied back for safety and hygiene purposes

Acceptable and Unacceptable Clothing

Where certain items can be purchased from alternative sources to our Official Uniform Suppliers, confusion can arise regarding the suitability of certain styles. To avoid any confusion, you will find additional information regarding what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in the following pages. We provide this information with the sole purpose of allowing parents/carers to make informed choices when purchasing school uniform for their child.

SCHOOL SKIRTS - Plain black skirt, box/knife pleated, not shorter than 8cms above knee

SCHOOL TROUSERS - Plain black formal, tailored, full length trousers, worn to the waist



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Acceptable and Unacceptable Footwear

The school expects pupils to wear 'formal', hard sole leather shoes as part of the uniform. This can cause some confusion since the term can be subjective. However, to avoid any confusion or embarrassment we have included a number of examples which are not appropriate for school. There will be sanctions in place for pupils who wear unacceptable footwear. This could include being asked to wear a pair of shoes provided by the school until the matter is resolved. Therefore, please help support us by ensuring your child attends school wearing acceptable shoes. Shoes should be worn with plain black socks or plain black tights. Trainer socks or over the knee socks are not permitted.



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PE KIT - EXPECTATIONS



Black Sports Socks



Black Sports Shorts



Chepstow School PE Polo Shirt



Black Sports Leggings



Chepstow School Quatro Fleece (optional)



Chepstow School Swacket (optional)

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PE Kit – Expectations

All pupils in KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 – 11) are expected to wear PE Kit for Physical Education as outlined below:

- Unisex PE Polo Shirt*
- Plain Black Shorts (longer length)
- Plain Black Sports Leggings
- Optional Unisex Quarter-Zip Midlayer, for cold weather and sporting events only*
- Optional Unisex PE Showerproof Jacket (Swacket), for wet weather and sporting events only*
- Black sports socks
- Training, shoes, only to be worn for sporting activities
- Appropriate swimwear, for example a 1-piece swimsuit

* These items are only available to purchase through our uniform suppliers

Jewellery

- Stud earrings are not permitted to be worn during Physical Education lessons for Health and Safety Reasons



Pupil Development Grant - School Clothing Grant

Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals may also be entitled to a clothing grant.

The Welsh Government has introduced this grant to assist families on low incomes for the purchase of:

- School uniform including coats and shoes;
- School sports kit including footwear;
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to, scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts or dance;
- Equipment e.g. school bags and stationery;
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology; and
- Equipment for out of school hour trips such as outdoor learning e.g. waterproofs.

Funding of up to £125 is available for each eligible learner with the exception of those in Year 7. Eligible learners in Year 7 will be entitled to a maximum of £200.

Pupils who receive Free School Meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify for this funding.

You can apply from 1 July 2025 to 31 May 2026 using the following link [Monmouthshire County Council \(itouchvision.com\)](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/itouchvision.com)

Payments will be issued based on automated eligibility checks and these checks will be carried out on a regular basis. The payment will normally be made in to your bank account, they may need to contact you to obtain this information.

If you become eligible during the financial year or have any further queries, please contact the Benefits Team on 01495 742291 or 742377.

How do I apply for free school meals?

Complete the online uniform grant application form here: <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/counciltaxandbenefits/fsm/>

Uniform Legacy School Saver Club

Our uniform supplier Uniform Legacy, have recently launched a School Saver Club enabling families to put money away weekly or monthly that offers 10% instant interest towards your savings; allowing you to spread the costs of school wear throughout the year. As well as this, they facilitate a lay-by scheme where you can reserve uniform from 1st June and then spread the payments. Within their shop, they have a preloved section of school items which are available to purchase at a reduced cost; all donations received support building schools abroad. They have also kindly offered to deliver purchases to the school every other Wednesday, to support parents with delivery costs and time.

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Chepstow School Price List

Uniform Items

- Badged Blazer from £34.95
- V-neck Jumper from £16.50
- Shirts & Blouses from £8.00
- Pleated Skirts from £13.50
- Trousers from £12.99
- School Tie £7.50

PE Kit Items

- Badged PE top from £15.50
- Badged 1/4 zip Midlayer from £21.50
- PE Shorts from £12.00
- PE Skort from £15.50
- PE Socks from £7.00
- Badged Swacket from £35.00

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Sixth Form Dress Code – Expectations

All Senior students play a valuable role as role models, and an appropriate dress code encourages younger pupils to assume high standards. Senior staff are the arbiters of what is acceptable. Students may be asked to leave site if they do not adhere to the dress code. Sixth Form students should be **smartly dressed at all times**, as they would if working in a business environment. The Sixth Form Dress Code sends a strong message to the rest of the school and the community about pride in appearance and attitude towards study. The impression it creates sets an example to younger pupils and is a strong influencing factor.

In close consultation with Sixth Form representatives, we have decided on a style of dress which is different both from uniform in Years 7 - 11 and from leisure wear. It should be smart and show that Sixth Form students are concerned about their appearance, the impression it creates and the example it gives to younger pupils.

This document is made to allow students to check they are dressed appropriately. If you are unsure about anything or have any questions, please speak to the Head of Sixth Form. In the case of any disputes, the Head of Sixth Form has the final say.

The dress code for all Sixth Form students will be as follows:

- Lanyards and identification cards to be worn at all times
- Black or white polo shirts OR a black or white collared shirt/blouse
- Black/navy/grey tailored trousers/skirts - NO JEANS
- Plain jumper in black/navy/grey in colder weather
- A business jacket (optional)
- Black/brown flat shoes with black socks

Please do not wear:

- Jeans, leggings, jeggings, joggers
- Cropped/strappy tops
- Overly tight and short skirts
- Trainers/Uggs/Flip flops/High heeled footwear
- Facial piercings or brightly coloured hair dye

Detailed guidelines

- Clothes should be worn in line with the sixth form dress code.
- No shoulder-less tops, immodest necklines, low slung trousers or vest-type attire.
- Midriffs should be covered.
- Hats/caps/sunglasses should not be worn inside school buildings.
- Earrings must be of a discreet stud type. No other facial jewellery is permitted.

Shoes

- Black, brown, navy or grey shoes, no high heels, closed toes. Doc Martins style boots are not acceptable.
- Boots cannot be heeled, and must be smart and business appropriate.
- Sport style shoes are not allowed e.g. astros, trainers and plimsolls.

Trousers

- Any style of tailored trousers in a dark neutral₁ colour can be worn (short, regular, slim-fit, skinny-fit).
- Shorts are not permitted.

Socks

- Socks should be dark neutral₂ colours.

Makeup, Hair and Jewellery

- Nails should be professional (i.e. short, no bright nail polish).
- Nails must be natural and suitable for practical sessions.
- Makeup and 'self-tan' should be discrete and natural.
- All hair colours and styles must be professional and natural looking (this excludes bright/extreme colours and cuts).
- Ear piercings should be stud type; no facial piercings are acceptable.

1 Neutral₁ colours are black, white, grey, blue and brown

2 Dark Neutral₂ colours are black, grey, navy and brown

Shirts

- Smart shirts in neutral₁ colours.
- The shirt styles are; buttoned collared shirt, collared polo shirt or collared/non-collared blouse.
- Cropped or strappy tops should not be worn (including overlayer of another shirt).

Jumpers

- Hoodies or sweatshirts of any kind are not acceptable.
- Cardigans, V-neck and round-neck jumpers are permitted in neutral₁ colours.
- Smart three-quarter zip jumpers are permissible.

Coats

- Coats can be worn into and around the school grounds but must be removed when entering the classroom and moving around the school building. If there are extenuating circumstances the teacher will make the final judgement. Optionally, a business jacket or blazer may be worn.

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts should be no more than 10cm above the top of the knee cap. No tight skirts that cling to the body.
- Any dresses worn should adhere to the same rules as skirts and should have a modest neckline.
- Dresses and skirts must be a neutral₁ colour. Floral/patterned dresses are allowed, in a neutral₁ colour.

***This policy includes an appendix linked to reasonable adjustments authorised by our ALNCo and Deputy Headteacher.**

APPENDIX

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REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS POLICY

Introduction

Chepstow School is committed to ensuring an inclusive and supportive environment for all pupils. We recognise that some pupils may require reasonable adjustments to the school uniform due to medical, religious, cultural, or other personal circumstances. This policy outlines the principles for accommodating such requests while maintaining the integrity of our school uniform standards. This policy is relevant for all pupils in Year 7 through to Year 13.

Principles:

- The school uniform policy should be applied fairly and consistently, while being flexible in response to genuine needs.
- Adjustments may be made for medical conditions, sensory needs, religious or cultural beliefs, gender identity, or other significant reasons.
- Any reasonable adjustment should uphold the health, safety, and wellbeing of the pupil and the school community.
- Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are appropriate and reasonable.

Examples of Reasonable Adjustments:

- Allowing alternative footwear for medical reasons (e.g., orthopaedic shoes).
- Adapting uniform fabrics for sensory sensitivities.
- Providing gender-neutral uniform options.
- Allowing discreet modifications for medical devices (e.g., glucose monitors, prosthetics).
- Permitting head coverings for religious or cultural observance.
- Adjusting uniform requirements during extreme weather conditions.

Procedure

1. Submitting a Request

- Parents, carers, or pupils (where appropriate) should submit a request in writing to the Head of Year for the attention of the ALNCo
- Requests should outline the reason for the adjustment and any supporting evidence (e.g., medical note, religious guidance, sensory assessment, etc.).

2. Review and Consideration

- The request will be reviewed by the Head of Year in consultation with the ALNCo or an appointed staff member within ten school days.
- Consultation with relevant parties (e.g., parents, external professionals, pastoral staff) may take place if required.
- The decision will consider the balance between the individual need and maintaining overall uniform standards.

3. Decision and Implementation

- A written response will be provided to confirm whether the request is approved, partially approved, or declined.
- If approved, guidance will be provided on how the adjustment will be implemented (e.g., permitted alternatives to uniform items).
- Where a request is declined, a clear explanation will be provided, and alternative solutions may be explored.

4. Ongoing Review

- Adjustments will be reviewed periodically to ensure they remain necessary and appropriate.
- Parents/carers should inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect the adjustment.

5. **Concerns and Appeals**

- If a parent or pupil is dissatisfied with a decision, they may appeal in writing to the Headteacher following the complaints policy.
- Appeals will be reviewed by the Headteacher or a senior leadership team member, with a final decision communicated following the complaints procedure

This policy ensures that all pupils feel comfortable and included while maintaining a smart and consistent school appearance.