

# Uniform Expectations and Standards of Dress



**Important Information for  
Pupils, Parents and Carers**

# Introduction

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At Cottenham Village College, we have high expectations of all our pupils and believe in rigorously and consistently enforcing traditional basic standards of uniform, presentation and respect. This, in turn, ensures we create a positive climate for learning in which every pupil can reach their full potential. Our College is a positive, calm, orderly and purposeful environment where pupils enjoy their learning, make good progress and feel safe.

We aim to support pupils in becoming responsible, independent and resilient individuals who have a range of knowledge and skills which will serve them well in their future lives.

This booklet describes our uniform expectations and standards of dress policy.

## Uniform and Presentation

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At Cottenham Village College we have a rigorous and clear uniform policy which reflects the high expectations we have for our pupils. We believe that wearing our distinctive uniform gives our pupils a sense of 'belonging', helps foster pride in the College and communicates our high standards and expectations.

Our pupils are our ambassadors in the community. We therefore expect them to wear full College uniform when travelling to and from the College, at all College functions, on extra-curricular visits and when representing the school in sporting or other events.

To aid in the creation of a studious/productive learning environment we insist pupils only wear one pair of stud earrings in their ears and one watch. In the interests of safety, rings, bracelets and necklaces, of any kind, are not permitted. In addition, dangly, excessive fashion earrings, nose studs, tongue studs and other piercings and facial jewellery are not acceptable. Tattoos are not allowed and existing tattoos must be covered.

Hair styles should not be extreme and have a natural colour/tone. Extreme 'cuts' of any shape or design are not acceptable. For safety reasons, pupils with long hair must have it tied back whilst participating in all practical lessons. Finally, nail varnish is not allowed for any pupil. For safety reasons, acrylic, gel or false nails are also not permitted.

For pupils in years 7-9 makeup must not be worn. In years 10 and 11, discreet and natural makeup may be worn. However, the College reserves the right to judge what is acceptable in this regard.

## Main Uniform:

- A navy blue jacket with the College logo (supplied by SWI).
- A navy blue v-neck jumper (optional) with College logo (supplied by SWI).
- Grey trousers, classic or slim leg, the **width at the bottom no narrower than 17cm**.
- Grey skirt – straight or pleated. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length, no longer than mid-calf/shin and should not be fitted.
- Grey tailored shorts are permitted which must in length be no longer than just below the knee or no shorter than in line with the knee (cargo, beach, casual, sport, chino, denim style are not permitted). The College reserves the right to remove this as a school uniform item if this is not consistently followed. It is essential that students who choose to wear tailored shorts are dressed smartly and promote the high uniform presentation and standards.
- Plain white school shirt/blouse (short or long sleeved). A plain white vest top only maybe worn under the blouse/shirt.
- College clip on tie which has the logo and your son/daughter's appropriate house colour (supplied by SWI).
- Plain black polishable shoes with a flat sole (trainers, pumps, canvas shoes, sports logos, boots and blacked out trainers are not permitted).
- Plain black or dark grey socks or black/neutral tights.
- No hoodies, track suit tops are allowed.
- All students must carry a school bag large enough to carry an A4 folder; handbags are not permitted.

**Please note the colour grey which forms our uniform is a “steel grey”. Light grey or extremely dark grey that looks black is not permitted.**

As a rule of thumb, trousers, skirts and shorts should be modest. Jeans, cords, 'hipster', Jeggings and tight-fitting Lycra skirts or trousers (e.g. Revs style) are not appropriate. Trousers and skirts must not have fashionable features such as pocket zips.

Pupils must wear their jacket to and from lessons. If they are hot they can ask the teacher if they can remove their jacket, which is then placed on the back of their chair. The top button of their shirt/blouse must be done up so the tie is securely clipped on. The shirt/blouse must be worn tucked in. In the hot weather a common sense approach will be taken and the Principal or relevant senior leader will inform pupils that they can remove their jacket.

PE uniform is compulsory and should be ordered from our supplier. The following PE kit must be worn when participating in PE lessons:

- PE T-shirt (with CVC logo)
- navy blue  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip training top (with CVC logo)
- navy blue shorts or skort
- navy blue leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- navy blue football socks
- optional – rugby shirt

- optional – navy blue base layer
- optional extra: under armour
- appropriate footwear for the activity including training shoes suitable for indoor use and a second pair of trainers or boots for outdoor use; pumps are not suitable footwear
- shin pads to be worn when playing competitive games such as football and hockey (by law)
- a gum shield is necessary when playing hockey and rugby

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with the child's name. Please note that pupils are not allowed to wear the formal Cottenham Village College uniform for their PE lessons. All long hair needs to be tied back and stud earrings and watches must be removed for PE lessons.

Any non-uniform items will be confiscated and available from Student Services for collection at the end of the College day.

Electrical items, such as mobile phones or iPods are not permitted on the College site. They may however be left at Student Services at the beginning of the day and collected at the end if required.

**The College takes no responsibility for lost or stolen jewellery or electrical items as they are not allowed on the site.**

#### **Appropriate school shoes (Examples)**



Plain black polishable shoes with a flat sole and a heel of no more than 2cm in height.

**Not appropriate** - boots, canvas shoes, pumps, trainers or **Blacked out trainers. (Examples below)**



#### **Appropriate trouser and skirt (Examples below)**



## Jacket and tie and optional jumper (Examples below)



## Appropriate tailored shorts (Examples below)



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