

Uniform and Appearance Policy

All Students Years 7 to 11

School uniform is compulsory at Heart of England for all student Years 7 to 11. In line with our Behaviour Policy, *Uniform and Appearance* is one of our Non-Negotiables. 'Uniform will be worn properly, non-school uniform items will not be tolerated.' Students will be rewarded for displaying excellent standards of appearance over time and will receive Merits for their House Tutor. Students who choose to ignore our high expectations of uniform and appearance will receive sanctions and support as outlined in Appendix 2 of our Behaviour Policy (CALM.)

The school's decision on all aspects of uniform and appearance is final.

Uniform Years 7-11

- Black blazer with *Heart of England* badge
- White shirt
- School tie with appropriate House colour†
- Black trousers (regular fit only*) **or**
- Grey box half pleat skirt, black opaque tights and no socks
- Black or grey long sleeved V-necked pullover or cardigan (no logos or sweatshirts)
- Black leather shoes with a sensible black sole and a low heel to ensure safety at all times (no branding)

Please Note

* Tight fitting, legging-style trousers are not acceptable.

† Houses are allocated to students when they join Heart of England

No modification of school uniform is acceptable (rolled sleeves, rolled/tucked ties.)

Only badges issued by school are permitted on blazers.

Appearance

Make-up

- No coloured nail varnish or false nails are permitted; nails should be appropriate length and shape.
- *Natural* looking make-up is acceptable.

Jewellery

- No jewellery other than a wrist watch and a single plain stud in each ear.
- Smart watches or devices are not permitted due to potential safeguarding concerns.

Hair Accessories

- Hair bands should be plain black with no colour
- Hijabs should be black and tucked into shirt collar so shirt is visible (i.e. no patterns, stripes, words etc.)
- No extreme hair-cuts, no unnatural dyed colours

Bags

- Must be an appropriate size to accommodate books, equipment and PE kit
- We would advise that the bag is waterproof

Outerwear

- Coats: hoodies, denim, suede and leather coats are not acceptable at school and will be confiscated
- Scarves & hats: can be worn to and from school but should be removed during the school day

Confiscation

DFE guidelines 2018 - Searching, Screening and Confiscation Guidelines states:

“School staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item, however found, which they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline”.

Physical Education Kit List

PE Kit List

- Black and teal *Heart of England* unisex polo shirt **or** fitted top with student initials‡
- Black and teal *Heart of England* skort **or** shorts§
- Black football socks with *Heart of England* teal trim§

Protective Equipment

- Shin pads
- Gum shield

Footwear

- Studded football boots
- Sports trainers

Optional

- Black sports leggings (*full length, footless and strapless*) with *Heart of England* type motif on lower left leg§
- *Heart of England* black slim-fit joggers with type motif§
- *Heart of England* black and teal quarter zip lined black and teal fleece top‡

‡ Personalised initials must be added to students polo shirts and are optional for shorts/skort and fleece top.

§Heart of England branding is provided by all our uniform suppliers.

Additional information

Trainers/Footwear

Canvas shoes, pumps or plimsolls are not permitted in lessons. They must also not be high sided (high tops/basketball boots) ie above the ankle or skateboarding shoes.

Shorts

Only *Heart of England* PE shorts and Skorts are permitted for Year 7s from September 2020. Striped or heavily branded shorts or tight fitting lycra shorts are not permitted.

Sports Bras

Please ensure your daughter is comfortable in the underwear they wear on PE days. Supportive and comfortable underwear is essential for girls and facilitates full participation in sport.

Earrings/Jewellery

Health and Safety regulations require that students do not wear *any* jewellery for PE lessons. If ears have been pierced during term time, then earrings must be taken out before participating. They cannot be taped over as they don't allow for full participation during lessons. See whole school piercings policy.

Football Boots

Can be moulded or have screw-in studs and are worn for football and rugby in the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Hair

Long hair must be tied back at all times

Health & Safety

For some activities such as Rugby, Football and Hockey students will need protective equipment such as; gum shields, shin pads. Additionally, if pupils require medical aids e.g. inhalers they must bring these to each lesson and hand to the class teacher.