

# Walton High School Uniform Guidance

## Students and Parents

At Walton High School, we believe that a consistent school uniform is vital to promote the ethos of our school, providing a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances. We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Additional reasons for securing high standards on student uniform and appearance include:

- Supports the learning of adherence to routines, rules and guidelines
- Supports individuals to operate as a team
- Decreases anxiety linked to fashion trends
- Decreases anxiety linked to financial demands
- Decreases time pressures associated with morning routines
- Instils a sense of pride
- Instils a sense of community and belonging
- Supports the safeguarding of individuals
- Addresses potential financial inequalities – 'levels the playing field'
- Supports our mission to combat bullying – everybody the same

At Walton High School, we will ensure that all students are given the opportunity to represent themselves smartly.

We are committed to exploring all potential barriers that may exist to prevent a child from achieving the expected standard and, where possible, we will provide the required support to remove these barriers.

Any family who may require support should contact their child's Head of House in the first instance to begin the process of accessing support. The majority of our uniform can be purchased from high street stores. There are a small number of items such as blazer badges (or blazers), ties and PE kit that can be purchased from Crested School wear. The details are below:

Crested School Wear Stafford

Nos. 35-36 Gaolgate Street

Stafford ST16 2NT

[www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk) Tel: 01785 748481

This document will provide students and parents with guidance of correct uniform that should be worn by students at Walton. Some items of uniform are branded and can be brought locally at Crested School wear. Some items of uniform are not Walton branded and examples of acceptable and unacceptable uniform are provided in these cases. These items include trousers, skirts and V neck jumpers. If you are unsure if uniform is appropriate then please contact your child's tutor or Head of House before purchasing the item.

## Walton High School Uniform- Appropriate Items

The below table shows the appropriate uniform students should wear and how the uniform should be worn appropriately.

| Item of Uniform         | Additional Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Compulsory | Optional |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Black Blazer with badge | Must be worn at all times i.e.<br>In corridors<br>Entering and exiting classrooms<br>During assemblies<br>In the building during break and lunchtime<br>Must not roll up blazer sleeves<br>May be removed with permission of the teacher during lessons | X          |          |
| Walton School Tie       | A minimum of 3 coloured stripes showing at all times<br>Must be pushed up to cover the top button                                                                                                                                                       | X          |          |
| White buttoned shirt    | Top button must be fastened at all times<br>Must be tucked into skirt or trousers at all times.                                                                                                                                                         | X          |          |
| Shoes                   | Must be completely black (leather look)<br>No canvas, mesh, boots or heeled<br>Must be worn at all times in school<br>Must be worn on entry and exit to school                                                                                          | X          |          |
| Skirt                   | Must be no more than one inch above the knee<br>Must not be a tube skirt or jersey material<br>Must not be rolled up                                                                                                                                    | X          |          |
| Trousers                | Must be black<br>Must not be tight fitted or leggings<br>Worn to the waist at all times                                                                                                                                                                 | X          |          |
| Bag/ Rucksack           | Must be brought into school to carry books, equipment and any other items students require in school                                                                                                                                                    | X          |          |
| Black V Neck Jumper     | May be worn alongside the school blazer and not as a replacement<br>Must not be round necked<br>Must not be branded or with a logo<br>May be beneficial for students in cold weather                                                                    |            | X        |
| Jacket/ Coat            | May be worn during cold weather<br>Must not be worn as a replacement for a blazer<br>Must not be a hoodie or fleece material<br>Must not be worn during lessons                                                                                         |            | X        |

## Walton High School Uniform- PE KIT

Below is a list of items of PE kit. PE KIT AND EQUIPMENT PE kit is available to purchase online, or locally from Crested School Wear.

| Item of Uniform             | Additional Information                                                                                                                                                      | Compulsory | Optional |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Red PE T-shirt/<br>polo     | Worn during PE lessons                                                                                                                                                      | X          |          |
| Black Shorts                | Worn during PE lessons                                                                                                                                                      | X          |          |
| Red Reversible<br>Rugby Top | Worn during Rugby lessons to prevent other shirts from being ripped during contact.                                                                                         | X          |          |
| Black Walton<br>Hoodie      | Can be worn when cold. Must be WHS branded or completely plain black without logo.                                                                                          | X          |          |
| Black tracksuit<br>bottoms. | These can be worn throughout the school year. However, for health and safety reasons they must NOT have zips in when playing any contact sports. No cotton jogging bottoms. |            | X        |
| Sports Leggings             | Can be worn during PE lessons instead of shorts/ tracksuit bottoms                                                                                                          |            | X        |
| Socks                       | Long black/red socks for football, rugby<br>White socks for other sports                                                                                                    | X          |          |
| Trainers                    | Additional trainers must be worn during PE lessons.<br>Students should wear additional trainers and school shoes not be worn for PE.                                        | X          |          |
| Football boots              | Can be moulded or metal.<br>Must be worn during lessons on the field for football or rugby                                                                                  | X          |          |
| Gum Shield                  | Compulsory for rugby lessons                                                                                                                                                | X          |          |
| Swimming trunks/<br>costume | Needed for swimming lessons<br>No bikinis should be worn                                                                                                                    | X          |          |
| Towel                       | Needed for swimming lessons                                                                                                                                                 | X          |          |
| Swimming hat                | Students with long hair must wear a swimming hat during swimming lessons                                                                                                    | X          |          |
| Goggles                     |                                                                                                                                                                             |            | X        |

## Walton High School Uniform- Additional elements of dress code or appearance

Below is a list of unacceptable items.

| Items                         | Additional Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Hoodies, fleeces, sports tops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students should not wear hooded jackets at school at any time</li><li>- Students should not wear them in place of a coat or jacket.</li><li>- Students should not wear sports tops, E.G Quarter zips, zip up tracksuit tops and tech fleeces.</li></ul> |
| Footwear                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students shoes should not be any other colour other than black</li><li>- Shoes should not be mesh or canvas</li><li>- Shoes should not have heels</li></ul>                                                                                             |
| Jewellery                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ear piercings- one stud only per ear</li><li>- Nose piercings should not be worn due to health and safety. However, if a student has a piercing, a clear plug can be worn.</li><li>- No bracelets, rings or necklaces should be worn</li></ul>          |
| Make up                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make-up may be worn as long as it is subtle</li><li>- Must not wear false eyelashes</li><li>- Nail varnish should not be worn</li><li>- Students should not wear artificial or gel nails due to Health and Safety.</li></ul>                            |
| Hair Cuts                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Haircuts should not be extreme</li><li>- Students who have dyed hair should ensure it is natural colours</li></ul>                                                                                                                                      |
| Socks                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Socks should be black or white</li><li>- If socks are worn over tights they must be black</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                     |

This list is not comprehensive and items may be taken on a case by case basis by the Heads of House or Senior Leadership Team.

Below are examples of acceptable shoes for school. Shoes/ankle boots must be completely plain black leather look.



Below are examples of shoes that are not acceptable and shoes we have seen students wearing at school. THEY MUST NOT BE CANVAS, SUEDE OR MESH MATERIAL.





Below are examples of acceptable skirts for school. Skirts must be a modest length no more than an inch above the knee.



Below are examples of skirts that are not acceptable at school. This includes tube skirts, jersey or stretch material.





Below are examples of school trousers that are acceptable for school. Trousers must be not be tight fitting.



Below are examples of trousers that are not acceptable for school. Students must not wear leggings even with pockets or trousers that are tight fitting.

