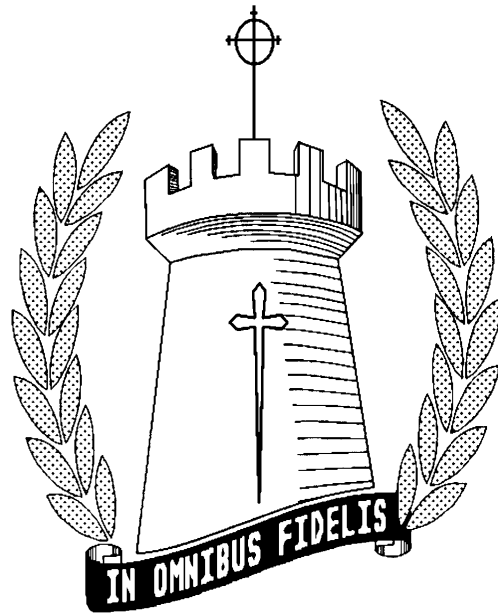


# ST. DAMIAN'S RC SCIENCE COLLEGE



## Uniform Policy

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## **1 Introduction**

**1.1** It is our college policy that all pupils wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal college hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for college uniform for all parent/carer and on our website.

## **2 Aims and objectives**

**2.1** Our policy on college uniform is based on the notion that college uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the college;
- supports teaching and learning;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the college;
- is practical and smart so students are comfortable, safe and secure;
- identifies the pupils with the college and encourages a sense of equality and cohesion;
- prevents pupils from coming to college in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for college and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **3 Jewellery**

**3.1** On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our college, with the exception of a watch N.B. Expensive personal equipment (including mobile phones) is FORBIDDEN. The college does not accept liability for any item lost (or stolen).

## **4 Extreme haircuts**

**4.1** The college does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other pupils includes lines in the hair or very short. Hair should be a natural looking colour. It is impossible to write a definitive list, however the Headteacher's decision is final.

## **5 Footwear**

**5.1** The college wants all pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow pupils to wear such shoes in our college. Neither do we allow pupils to wear trainers to college; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a college uniform. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

## **6 Cost of Uniform**

**6.1** We want to ensure that the cost of uniform is affordable for all families and does not lead to students feeling socially excluded or unable to afford other necessities. Parents/ carers who are unable to provide their child with the required items of college uniform should contact the Headteacher. Such approaches will be handled with discretion and sensitivity.

## **7 Enforcement of the Uniform Policy**

7.1 It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to college in the correct uniform (see the Home School Agreement and the New Pupil Information Booklet). All staff are responsible for ensuring that students are correctly dressed in class and elsewhere on the college site.

## **8 The role of parents**

8.1 We ask all parents who send their pupils to our college to support the college uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their pupils to college correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

8.2 If any parent would like the college to comment on the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

## **9 The role of governors**

9.1 The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the college uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

9.2 Governors ensure that the college uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **10 Monitoring and review**

10.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the college uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual pupils to have special dispensation with regard to college uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the college uniform policy is implemented.

## **11. Published Uniform List**

### **Our College Uniform**

A high standard of dress is expected of all children at St. Damian's. The basic rules below are based on what is felt to be suitable and practical for a working day in College. Parents choosing St Damian's will be expected to comply with the uniform code and will be asked to sign a uniform contract.

1. Leisure clothes such as trainers, fashion boots, tee-shirts etc. are not allowed.
2. No jewellery is to be worn apart from a watch.
3. Make-up, nail polish etc. should not be worn in College.
4. Outdoor coats should be Plain Black or Dark Navy (High Visibility reflectors are permitted), coats must not be worn inside the college building.
5. Students are not allowed to wear hoodies in college.
6. 'Cult' hairstyles, e.g. shaven heads and dyed hair are not permissible. Hair should be a natural looking colour.

N.B. Expensive personal equipment (including mobile phones) is FORBIDDEN.

## Uniform List of Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils

- > Outdoor coats should be Plain Black or Dark Navy (high visibility reflectors are permitted)
- > Plain black shoes only (footwear which sits on the ankle or above is deemed unsuitable)
- > Plain black socks or heavyweight plain black tights
- > Black blazer and College badge (compulsory)
- > Blue shirt-necked blouse/shirt
- > Grey jumper with college stripes (compulsory)
- > College tie- Clip on ties (compulsory)
- > Black pleated skirt of modest length\*(approximately 2 inches above the knee)
- > Black trousers (boys only)
- > Aprons (White - Food Technology) (Unbleached calico - Technology)

## PE – Boys

- > White Polo Shirt \*(with College Logo)
- > Plain Navy P.E. Shorts \*(with College Logo)
- > Navy Football Socks
- > Reversible blue & white football shirt \*(with College Logo)
- > Football Boots
- > Training Shoes
- > Navy tracksuit bottoms
- > Navy fleece (optional)

## PE – Girls

- > White Polo Shirt \*(with College Logo)
- > Sports Bra (as appropriate)
- > Plain Navy P.E. Shorts \*(with College Logo)
- > Navy fleece (optional)
- > Navy tracksuit bottoms
- > Training Shoes

\* Plain sports clothing is acceptable as only ONE item with College Logo is required for representing the college for sporting events.

## Years 10 & 11

As above apart from:

- > Black Jumper (compulsory)
- > White Shirt
- > Blazers are now compulsory throughout years 10 & 11

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NO OTHER ITEM OF UNIFORM IS REQUIRED  
PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS CLEARLY – ESPECIALLY COATS/BLAZERS**

The College's approved style of skirt is supplied only by the following stockists who can also supply other items of uniform:-

1. M.C.S, 32 Market Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 6ER Tel: 0161 339 9845
2. Monkhouse College Wear, 27 Union Street, Oldham OL1 1XS Tel: 0161 627 0417
3. Panache, 90 Market Street, Droylsden Tel: 0161 301 5570
4. College Days, The College Shop, 82 Old Street, Ashton Under Lyne Tel: 0161 343 2900