



# **Northampton School** *for Boys*

## **Appearance Policy** **Years 7 - 11**

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The full policy covers the following areas of appearance.

1. Uniform
2. Hair
3. Jewellery
4. Headwear
5. General Uniform
6. Miscellaneous

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A full copy of the policy is available from the school or the parents' pages of the school website.

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For the Sixth Form this policy should be read alongside the Sixth Form Dress Code. This is particularly relevant when considering the appearance of girls.

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## 1. UNIFORM

The following indicates the requirements of the basic school uniform:

School Blazer	-	black with blazer badge and year stripe
Trousers	-	charcoal grey/black
Shirt	-	plain white
School Tie	-	with House colour/logo
Shoes	-	black (trainers are <u>not</u> allowed)
Pullover	-	navy blue v-necked (optional – available from school shop)
Rugby Shirt	-	school colours (reversible)
T Shirt	-	school colours
Shorts	-	school colours
Rugby/Soccer Boots		
Training Shoes	-	for PE only
Swimming Trunks		
Apron		

## 2. HAIR

- No shorter than No 2. No shaving. No shapes cut in eg. zig zags, mohican.
- Long hair must be tied back if longer than shoulder length or likely to cause a safety issue.
- At all times hair must not cover an eye or eyes.

- The style of the hair should be in keeping with that acceptable in an office environment.
- Hair should be kept clean and tidy.
- Hair should not be dyed using unnatural colours or be styled with extensive flashes of colour.

### 3. JEWELLERY

- Only one plain stud in one ear lobe is permissible.
- No visible piercings are acceptable and those not readily visible are also unacceptable if they could cause a safety issue e.g. in P.E.
- Bangles must not be worn.
- Wrist bands and similar attire should not be worn without permission from the School e.g. in the case of a School fund raising event.
- Hair bands used to tie hair back should be plain in nature.
- One ring may be worn but it must be removed if there is a safety issue e.g. P.E, Design Technology. They should be conventional in nature.
- Necklaces may be worn beneath the shirt but must be removed if a safety issue e.g. P.E.

### 4. HEADWEAR

- In cold weather a plain scarf, bobble hat or similar in a tasteful design may be worn to and from school but not around the school.
- Plain caps may be worn in cold or hot weather but removed when on the school site.
- Sunglasses may be worn in certain circumstances determined by the school.

### 5. GENERAL UNIFORM

- Sweatshirts, hoodies and similar must not be worn over or under the uniform.
- The School tie should be worn at an acceptable length. A student may wear a tie awarded as colours by the school.
- Shirts should be plain white of a length that can be tucked into the trousers. Shirts should not be worn outside the trousers.
- Gloves may be worn in cold weather but they must be taken off when inside school.
- Coats should be tasteful with no provocative logos. Coats should be removed inside the school buildings.
- School uniform in its entirety must be worn in, to and from school.
- The School advises that cyclists wear cycle helmets and high visibility jackets/bands.

### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

- School trips that take place during normal school hours require school uniform unless there are exceptional circumstances determined by the School.
- For trips out of school hours uniform may not be required but students will be directed by the School.
- In after-school clubs uniform is required unless directed by the School.

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