

Uniform and Appearance Policy

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This information is designed to enable parents, guardians and carers to have a clear idea of the expectations we have of our pupils. It is important that pupils are encouraged to maintain the highest possible standards regarding their presentation. The smart wearing of the school uniform is one way of projecting this image. The wearing of our school uniform is compulsory and something all parents, guardians and carers agreed to support when they chose Seaford College for their son or daughter's education. We are very grateful for the support we receive in upholding our uniform regulations.

In order to clarify any queries you may have, the following lists should help parents, guardians and carers be aware of what is acceptable and what is not. Please ensure you read this or the relevant new joiners' information packs before purchasing any new uniform items. Students will not be allowed to wear non-uniform items even if they have just been purchased. The Deputy Heads, Director of Sixth Form, Director of Middle School, and Head of Prep will decide, at their discretion, on all matters concerning the interpretation of a student's dress code, including matters not specifically covered in the Uniform and Appearance Policy.

If you are unsure about any uniform purchase, please contact your child's Head of Year, Tutor or Class Teacher.

Sports and PE kit are supplied separately by **Blue Blood Sports**. Unit 11-15 Covered Market, Oxford, OX1 3DU.

www.bluebloodoxford.co.uk

There is one uniform supplier to the school for pupils in Years 1 to 11. To ensure uniformity in material quality and colour, it is expected that all purchases of blazers, kilts, ties, boys' trousers, V-neck jerseys and younger pupils' pinafores, summer dresses and cardigans will be made from this supplier.

Perry Uniform. 185-187 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1NE

www.perryuniform.co.uk

Telephone: 0113 238 9520

Prep School Uniform and Dress Code (Years 1 to 8)

The dress code at Seaford College Prep School is uniform for pupils in Years 1 to 8.

Girls in Years 1-5		
Uniform Type	Correct	Available from Perry Uniform (Yes/No)?
School blazer with school badge	The school blazer must be worn by pupils in Years 2 to 5 at all times	Yes
School pinafore	Worn in winter and spring terms. Below the knee	Yes
School summer dress	Worn in summer term	Yes
Shirt	Worn in winter and spring terms. Long or short sleeve open neck, white No tie	Available, but may be sourced elsewhere
School pullover or cardigan	Plain navy blue crested V-neck pullover or cardigan (pullover or cardigan in winter and spring terms, cardigan in the summer term)	Yes
Tights	Navy blue tights	
Socks	White ankle socks or white trainer socks	
Shoes	Black polishable school shoes	No
School book bag	A uniform item (similar to a music bag)	Yes
Girls in Years 6-8		
Uniform Type	Correct	Available from Perry Uniform (Yes/No)?
School blazer with school badge	The school blazer must be worn by pupils in Years 6 to 8 at all times	Yes
School kilt	4" below the knee	Yes
Shirt	Long or short sleeve open neck, white No tie	Available, but may be sourced elsewhere
School pullover	Plain navy blue crested V-neck pullover	Yes
Tights	Navy blue tights	
Socks	White ankle socks or white trainer socks may be worn for the summer term	
Shoes	Black polishable school shoes	No
School book bag	Back pack. A uniform item, bought from Blue Blood Sports	No, from Blue Blood Sports

Prep School Girls' Hair, Make-Up and Jewellery

- Girls' Hair, if shoulder length or longer, must be tied back throughout the day. Hair should not have beads or threads braided in and should not be dyed, or be extreme in style.
- Jewellery - no rings, bracelets or necklaces (except St. Christopher or Crucifix). Girls may wear one pair only of gold or silver studs (one in each ear)
- No make-up permitted

Boys in Years 1-8		
Uniform Type	Correct	Available from Perry Uniform (Yes/No)?
School blazer with school badge	The school blazer must be worn by pupils in Years 2 to 8 at all times	Yes
Shirt	Long or short sleeve. White and done up at the collar	Available, but may be sourced elsewhere
School tie	Available in two lengths	Yes
School pullover	Plain navy blue crested V-neck pullover	Yes
School trousers	Dark grey or charcoal. To be purchased from Perry Uniform	Yes
Shorts	Younger boys may wear charcoal colour shorts if they prefer	
Socks	Plain grey or black	
Shoes	Black polishable school shoes	No
School book bag, Years 2-5	A uniform item (similar to a music bag)	Yes
School backpack, Years 6-8	Back pack. A uniform item, bought from Blue Blood Sports	No, from Blue Blood Sports

General points relating to appearance for the Prep School (Years 1-8)

Coats for Years 1-8

If a coat is required, Blue Blood Sports supply a very warm sports style overcoat which complements our uniform. It has the Seaford crest and can be embroidered with a pupil's name or initials. Any other (and home bought) overcoat or raincoat should be black or navy blue (this must be longer than the pupil's blazer)

Prep School Boys' Hair and Jewellery

- Jewellery - no rings, bracelets, necklaces or earrings
- Hair should be kept clean, tidy, above the collar and should not be dyed. The lowest razor cut permitted is grade 2. Visible shaved lines, any significant difference in hair length the side and the top and any form of exaggerated quiffs are strictly prohibited. Pupils who come to school with inappropriate hairstyles may be required to return home until this has been rectified.

The Prep School will ensure that, for all children

- Top buttons are done up when a tie is worn
- Shirts are always tucked in
- Coats are not worn in lessons, at assembly or Chapel
- Trainers are not worn with school uniform
- Make-up is not being used
- There is no visible body piercing for any pupil
- Pupils travel to and from school in full school uniform

Middle School Uniform Code (Years 9 to 11)

The dress code at Seaford College is uniform in Years 9 to 11

Girls in Years 9-11		
Uniform Type	Correct	Available from Perry Uniform (Yes/No)?
School blazer with school badge	The school blazer must be worn by pupils in Years 9 to 11 at all times	Yes
School kilt	4" below the knee	Yes
Shirt	Long or short sleeve open neck, white, reverse collar	Available, but may be sourced elsewhere
School pullover	Plain navy-blue crested V-neck pullover	Yes
Tights	Plain black, flesh or navy tights or white socks	
Shoes	Black polishable, leather school shoes (boots, sling backs, pumps, sandals and platform or stiletto heels are not acceptable). Heel height one inch maximum	No
Boys in Years 9-11		
Uniform Type	Correct	Available from Perry Uniform (Yes/No)?
School blazer with school badge	The school blazer must be worn by pupils in Years 9 to 11 at all times	Yes
Trousers	Dark grey (or charcoal) regulation, tailored trousers, to be purchased from Perry Uniform. Trousers must not be drain pipe/skin tight, and must touch the shoe.	Yes
Belt	Plain black belt with a simple plain buckle. No branded or casual buckles	
Shirt	Long sleeve. White and done up at the collar	Available, but may be sourced elsewhere
School tie	A uniform item and to be bought in the appropriate House colours	Yes
School pullover	Plain navy-blue crested V-neck pullover	Yes
Socks	Plain grey or black. No white socks.	No
Shoes	Black polishable leather shoes (no suede, no boots)	No

General points relating to appearance for the Middle School (Years 9-11)

Coats for Years 9-11. If a coat is required, Blue Blood Sports supply a very warm sports style overcoat which complements our uniform. It has the Seaford crest and can be embroidered with a pupil's name or initials. Any other (and home bought) overcoat or raincoat should be **black or navy blue** (and must be longer than the pupil's blazer). No sports tops or branded tops are permitted.

Boys:

- Hair should be kept clean, tidy, above the collar and should not be dyed. The lowest razor-cut permitted is grade 2. Visible shaved lines, any significant difference in hair length on the side and the top and any form of exaggerated quiffs or extreme undercuts are strictly prohibited (including mullets). Boys who come to school with inappropriate hairstyles (including shaved eyebrows) may be required to return home until this has been rectified.
- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. If not, they will be asked to shave at school or, for repeated offences, sent home.
- Boys are not allowed to wear any skin piercing jewellery and no visible body piercing is allowed.
- Only discreet and restrained jewellery is allowed. A simple silver or gold necklace may be worn (crucifixes and other religious symbols are acceptable). Ankle bracelets are not permitted. At the most one bracelet or charity band may be worn on each wrist. Tatty, cotton or festival bands are not permitted.
- No jewellery may be worn for games or CCF.

Girls:

- Girls' Hair in the **Middle School**, if shoulder length or longer, must be tied back throughout the day. Hair should not have beads or threads braided in and should not be dyed, or be extreme in style.
- **Middle School** girls may not wear make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.
- Nails must be kept short.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear gold or silver studs (one in each ear). Ear cuff piercings are not permitted. No other visible body piercing is allowed (no eyebrow, nose, tongue, lip piercings etc). At the most one bracelet or charity band may be worn on each wrist. Tatty, cotton or festival bands are not permitted. Girls may wear a delicate silver/gold chain with a small pendant attached. Necklaces for fashion purposes are not allowed.
- No jewellery may be worn for games or CCF.

Further general points relating to appearance:

- Top shirt buttons must be done up when a tie is worn.
- Shirts must always be tucked in.
- Students may not walk around the School site with headphones in their ears, or phone wires draping out of pockets.
- Coats may not be worn in lessons, at Assembly, Chapel or when sitting down for lunch.
- Jumpers should not be worn tucked into skirts or trousers.
- Trainers may not be worn with school uniform.
- Pupils must travel to and from school in full school uniform (not games or CCF kit), unless given explicit permission by a member of staff.
- The College cannot accept responsibility for any lost jewellery.

Sixth Form Dress Code (Years 12 and 13)

Pupils may wear clothes of their own choosing within the guidelines laid down below. The concept for dress in the Sixth Form is smart office apparel (professional dress). This is intended to reduce the competition factor amongst pupils and make life easier for both pupils and parents.

Sixth Form Girls		
Uniform Type	Correct	Incorrect
Blazers (compulsory)	Tailored, black, blue or grey in colour. Plain, or subtle pattern.	Extreme pattern or style. Non-tailored.
Trousers	Must be tailored.	Jeans, leather, leggings or chinos.
Skirts and dresses	Must be tailored and must at least touch the knee in length.	Skater skirts or dresses, denim, leather, lycra (or otherwise similarly stretchy material), or maxi dresses.
Tops, jumpers and cardigans	Smart and coordinated, suitable for office attire. Shoulder straps no less than 3 inches in width.	Hoodies or oversized jumpers. Revealing cuts (including length).
Tights (to be worn in winter)	Must be plain and either dark or nude in colour.	Patterned tights.
Shoes, (summer)	Plain and dark in colour, with heels no more than 2 inches high. They must be suitable and safe for school grounds.	Trainers, canvas shoes, suede shoes, flip flops, deck shoes, sandals. Stiletto heels are strictly prohibited.
Shoes or calf / ankle boots, (winter only)	In winter, ankle boots are permitted but they must be plain and dark in colour.	DM boots, UGGs, suede boots. Boots or shoes with prominent buckles.
Scarves	Must be smart and neutral in colour.	Over-sized, bright, or chunky scarves.
Sixth Form Boys		
Uniform Type	Correct	Incorrect
Suits	Tailored, dark in colour (the only exception being medium grey). Plain or subtle pattern / pinstripe. Trousers must be tailored.	Extreme pattern or style. Trousers must not appear to be skin tight or of the drain pipe variety. Cords, chinos or jeans. Trousers must touch the shoe.
Footwear	Co-ordinating colours to match suit. Polishable laced or slip-on shoes.	Boots, trainers, deck type shoes, sliders, suede shoes and white socks.
Ties	Must be worn.	
Jumper	A V-necked jumper may be worn under jackets.	Sweatshirts, sports jumpers, round neck jumpers, quarter zips, hoodies and gilets of any kind.

General points relating to appearance for the Sixth Form (Years 12-13)

Boys:

- Hair should be kept clean, tidy, above the collar and should not be dyed. The lowest razor-cut permitted is grade 2. Visible shaved lines, any significant difference in hair length on the side and the top and any form of exaggerated quiffs or extreme undercuts are strictly prohibited (including mullets). Boys who come to school with inappropriate hairstyles (including shaved eyebrows) may be required to return home until this has been rectified.
- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. If not, they will be asked to shave at school or, for repeated offences, sent home.
- Boys are not allowed to wear any skin piercing jewellery and no visible body piercing is allowed.
- Only discreet and restrained jewellery is allowed. A simple silver or gold necklace may be worn (crucifixes and other religious symbols are acceptable). Ankle bracelets are not permitted. At the most one bracelet or charity band may be worn on each wrist. Tatty, cotton or festival bands are not permitted.
- No jewellery may be worn for games or CCF.

Girls:

- Girls in the **Sixth Form** may wear their hair down as long as it is tidy.
- **Sixth Form** girls may wear subtle make-up, which should be minimal and business-like (no bronzers or excessive make-up is permitted). Neat, coloured, un-chipped nail varnish is permitted.
- Nails must be kept short.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear gold or silver studs (one in each ear). Ear cuff piercings are not permitted. No other visible body piercing is allowed (no eyebrow, nose, tongue, lip piercings etc). At the most one bracelet or charity band may be worn on each wrist. Tatty, cotton or festival bands are not permitted. Girls may wear a delicate silver/gold chain with a small pendant attached. Necklaces for fashion purposes are not allowed.
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- Pupils must travel to and from school in full school uniform (not games or CCF kit), unless given explicit permission by a member of staff.
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There are times when pupils may not be in the correct uniform. If this is the case, parents should contact their son/daughter's Tutor or Head of Year to let them know and ascertain a reasonable timeframe for the matter to be supportively resolved. Where possible and available, we will lend pupils any missing uniform items (e.g. ties, socks, shirts, etc.) from our spares store.

For genuine uniform issues, pupils in Years 7 to 13 will be issued with a Uniform Exemption Card by their Tutor or Head of Year which they can show to staff when asked about not wearing the correct uniform.

For non-genuine uniform issues (transgressions), pupils in Years 7 to 13 will be placed in a same day AM Break Detention (run by Head of Year) and then issued with a Uniform Exemption Card. We would expect the uniform issue to be resolved by the next school day or an agreed timeframe with parents informed of this.

Further transgressions would lead to the pupil being placed in the school's disciplinary system. In a small number of cases, the pupil may risk suspension from School and asked to return home until they are able to meet the appropriate dress code.

The Deputy Heads and Head of Prep School reserve the right to make a final decision with regards to uniform, jewellery or hairstyles deemed to be unacceptable.