

TARPORLEY
HIGH SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



UNIFORM 2026

Introduction

Welcome to our school uniform directory. September 2026 marks a new era for our school uniform. It follows a change in guidance for school uniform that has been enshrined in law. Additionally, we conducted a process of consultation across students, families and staff.

The key government requirement is for schools to limit uniform to **three branded items** and to allow alternatives readily available elsewhere for all other uniform items.

<https://www.uniformityschools.com/collections/tarporley-high-school-and-sixth-form-college>

Responding to Consultation

Our consultation brought the following key outcomes:

- Students prioritised comfort and durability
- Families prioritised comfort and durability
- Staff prioritised comfort and clarity.

Additionally, the consultation showed:

- Formality is not a priority for any stakeholder
- Uniformity (minimising difference / looking the same) was a **very high** priority for families and staff
- A uniform adaptable for the entire year was desirable.
- The existing PE kit had high levels of satisfaction from stakeholders.

Behaviour Policy

This uniform guide is mentioned explicitly in the school's behaviour policy and, as such, forms part of the school's behaviour policy. **Any** reasonable actions taken to uphold uniform standards sit within the scope of our behaviour policy's aims.

(Approved by the Governing Body, February 2026)

Legal Framework

In the UK, schools have the legal right to set uniform policies, enforce them with sanctions, and confiscate items under specific conditions, as outlined by the Department for Education (DfE).

Schools in England can require pupils to wear a uniform, provided the policy is reasonable, non-discriminatory, and clearly communicated. The DfE guidance on uniform makes clear that the enforcement of uniform policies may include sanctions such as detentions, exclusions or suspensions, but these must align with the school's behaviour policy and be proportionate.

Regarding confiscation, the *“Searching, Screening and Confiscation” guidance* (updated July 2023) empowers school staff to confiscate items that are banned by school rules.

Our school uniform policy is formulated with consideration of the equality act and if parents or carers have questions regarding protected characteristics and their relationship with our school uniform they should contact the school.

Equality Act 2010

Behaviour in Schools, DfE, February 2024

Developing School Uniform Policy, DfE, April 2024

Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools, DfE, July 2022

Principles of Uniform

Our uniform minimises the differences between students so that, during all activities in school, students are seen as **equals**.

Our uniform ensures students and staff can maximise **readiness** to learn.

Our uniform demonstrates that being part of an organisation comes with **expectations** of appearance and conduct.

Branded Item 1

School V-neck Sweater



Trousers – grey, tailored or *Optional* Skirt



**Branded
Item 2**

or



Not black. Not stretch. Not leggings.

Polo shirt – plain, light blue “school” polo shirt



Optional



No logo, no trim, no piping.

Shoes - all black, flat and ankle height.



Tights: black or grey only

Socks: plain black, white or grey **ankle** socks



In cold weather socks may be worn over tights but these must match the colour of the tights.



*No knee-high. No logos.
No contrasting with tights. ¹¹*

Branded Item 3

PE Polo



PE Kit



THS Skort



THS Shorts



Socks



THS Leggings



THS Zip top

All these items are recommended and available from Uniformity. Our consultation feedback shows high satisfaction with the quality, adaptability and functionality of this suite of items.

PE Kit– All-black equivalents



Optional plain base layer under polo



Socks



Plain leggings or tracksuit bottoms



All-black plain shorts or skirt

A THS logo must be visible in lessons on the upper body garment



Optional heavy top for team players



Summer term *optional* shorts

Grey, tailored as school trousers



Tailored “school style” grey shorts **must** be worn with plain black, white or grey ankle socks.



No logo, no trim, no piping.

Outerwear

- Students may wear a **coat**, plain in colour and free of large logos or designs. It should have a **full-length zip to make the uniform visible** and not be an overhead or smock-style.
- **Students must not wear coats indoors other than in the canteen at break and lunch when the jumper must also be worn.**
- **Mid-layers, hoodies or outer garments** that do not meet our description of a coat are **not uniform** and students will be asked to remove them. They may be confiscated for the day. Circumstances such as being cold or not having required uniform items in school will not be accepted as an excuse. Students can stay indoors all day in canteen spaces or hubs if they need warmth.
- Hats, gloves and scarves should not be worn indoors. Caps are not permitted.



No hoodies, no quarter zips, no busy patterns, no back prints or large logos.

Skirt length

There must be three dark stripes visible below the school jumper.



*Students will accrue conduct points and possibly more serious sanctions for **persistent or wilful** breaches of the behaviour policy.*

The judgement of either a pastoral leader or member of SLT is final in this matter.

Jewellery

- Earrings: small, plain studs only
- Necklaces: not permitted
- Bracelets: not permitted
- Rings: one ring permitted on each hand
- Facial piercings: clear or tiny studs. “Newness” will not be accepted as excuse not to meet this expectation and we ask families to support this aim.

*Students will be asked to remove jewellery that breaches policy and it may be confiscated and placed in reception. Our confiscation policy may apply to bracelets, rings and necklaces. **Students cannot access some practical lessons if they do not follow expectations. Jewellery will need to be removed in some lessons.***

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Hair and make-up

- Hair must be natural in colouring and colouring styles (e.g. no extreme contrasts or patterns).
- Hair accessories or coverings should be minimal and should be navy, black, grey or white.
- Make-up should be neutral and natural skin tones.
- False eye-lashes and false nails are not permitted.

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Additional Items

- Items such as badges, attachments or any other ***items not listed as uniform are not uniform.***
- The only exceptions are symbols of charities or school or community attainment.



Apron

- One apron is required for practical work in **art and technology lessons** and students cannot access some machinery or cooking facilities unless they wear one. Uniformity offer an apron that we recommend. Any alternative must be plain in colour.



Recommended



Plain alternative

Legacy Uniform Items

Years 8 – 10, 2026 onwards

Students in Years 8 - 10 who have uniform that they do not wish to replace yet may wear it in the following combinations:



- **Blazer**, tie, shirt
- **Blazer**, tie, plain v-neck knitted jumper, shirt

Students are to wear legacy uniform or new uniform and may not combine the two.

Legacy Uniform Items

Year 11 2026-2027 only

Students in **Years 11 only** will be offered maximum flexibility for their 32 weeks of lessons left with us.

- (No tie)
- Shirt (it would be unwise to wear one layer in winter)
- Shirt and plain or branded jumper
- Shirt and blazer
- Polo and blazer
- Polo and branded jumper (new uniform)

There must be no “non-uniform items” worn indoors.

Cost of converting to the new uniform

Or stick with legacy uniform!



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What comes next?

- **Shorts** option is available **after May half-term** this year, socks must be plain with no logos.
- 3 conduct points for persistent and / or wilful challenge of uniform.
- **All other expectations remain unchanged until the end of the year.**
- Publication of this document online / in print.
- New items are live on our uniform shop this week.
- During promoted timetable we will move to new jewellery and accessories expectations.

NEW UNIFORM LAUNCHES: September 2nd

- Years 8-10 move to new or stick with legacy.
- Year 11 move to flexible.
- Year 7 will all be in the new uniform.

September 2nd 2026



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