



NHGS School Uniform

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NORTH HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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Important Information for all Parents:

Our Uniform

At NHGS we take great pride in our sense of identity and community, and the school uniform is central to this. Students at NHGS are expected to achieve standards of excellence in all aspects of school life, and wearing the correct uniform smartly not only signals a readiness to work and learn, but also a desire to share the values that the school promotes.

We review the school uniform policy every year, a review which includes discussions with appropriate staff, student councils, as well as tracking the rules surrounding uniform in other local and national schools. Over the last few years, there have been several considerable amendments, as we are aware that things change over time. Our aim is to find the right balance between maintaining high standards and preparing students for potential life in the professions, whilst acknowledging the changing attitudes and perceptions to dress codes in the wider community.

We understand that, even given these compromises, not everyone will agree, but we would ask that you support us in upholding the school's rules on uniform as published each year in the handbooks. Constant battles over such things as appropriate footwear or jewellery are a waste of everyone's time and ultimately can only have a negative impact on relationships, teaching and learning. Persistent failure to comply with the uniform code will result in sanctions for defiance.

Winter

- A school blazer in grey with an embroidered badge of the school logo on the top pocket of the blazer.
- A white, plain school shirt (not a fashion shirt, and no motif).
- A long-sleeved plain mid grey or red pullover with V neck and no motif can be worn under the blazer as an optional item.
- Plain mid to dark grey tailored trousers or a skirt of a reasonable length, plain mid to dark grey skirt with pleats or a straight skirt with a back split of no more than 15cms. They should not be stretch or tightly fitting. Black or charcoal may not be worn
- Belts should be plain, narrow in black or grey
- A school tie in red with grey diagonal stripe, worn sensibly.
- Either short plain grey or black socks, or black or skin coloured tights. Knee length socks may not be worn.
- Plain black leather or leather-effect shoes. No trainers, backless or sling-back shoes, no pumps or suede footwear. Shoes should be kept clean and be polished as necessary.
- Outdoor coats should be in styles and colours compatible with school uniform.

Summer (from 1st May – to the end of the summer term)

- Students may choose not to wear blazers, ties, short socks or tights.



- A white open-necked (top button only) plain long sleeve school shirt (not a fashion shirt, and no motif) may be worn with sleeves rolled up. Alternatively, a white open-necked (top button only) short sleeved shirt may be worn.
- If a blazer is worn, shirts must be buttoned up fully and a tie must be worn.

Please note: All garments, footwear and personal property must be clearly marked with the student's full name. This includes garments which have the student's initials embroidered on the front (embroidery is optional). It is very difficult to return lost items of uniform which do not have the student's full name marked clearly.

Coats and Outdoor Wear

- Coats and jackets must be removed whilst inside the school (these can be left in lockers). Outdoor coats should be in styles and colours compatible with school uniform.
- Hoods or caps must not be worn at any time. The only exception to heads being covered will be on religious, well-being or medical grounds.
- Hoodies, sports style jackets, denim items, sweatshirts, cardigans and jumpers other than the official school pullover are not allowed and will be confiscated if worn.
- Students who want an additional layer of warmth under their blazer are able to wear the optional school jumper.

Personal Identification

For safeguarding reasons, your full identification must be worn at all times when in school, except in PE lessons. This consists of a lanyard, card holder and personal identification card. If your personal id is lost, damaged or defaced it will need to be replaced at the first possible opportunity.

Jewellery and Piercings

- A wristwatch and one bracelet per wrist may be worn;
- A maximum of one small stud per ear in the lobe of the ear;
- Studs must be removed for all PE and games lessons and, during such lessons, will remain the responsibility of the student;
- No other jewellery may be worn. Any piercings which take place during the school holidays (including upper ear piercings, which are not allowed in school) must be healed by the time students return to school in order that they can be removed;
- Nail varnish may not be worn. Make-up must not be worn by students in Year 7 & 8. In Years 9, 10 and 11, mascara, lip balm, concealer and natural foundation may be applied but subtly. Students will be asked to remove nail varnish and make-up using products supplied by school if they ignore this guidance.

Hair

- Hairstyles must not be extreme and only natural hair colours are permissible. Students must seek advice in advance from their Year Group Leader about the acceptability of any proposed change which might be considered extreme.
- Long hair must be completely removed from the face and securely fastened for all Technology and Science practicals.

Important guidance ...

Skirts

Please note that a number of styles of skirt sold in 'uniform' sections by high street retailers are not considered acceptable under our Uniform Policy. Whilst we do not request that skirts are bought from a specific retailer, the following requirements must be met:

- Plain mid to dark grey skirt with pleats or a straight skirt with a back split of no more than 15 cms;
- Of a reasonable length (ensuring underwear remains unseen at all times).
- NO tight fitting or lycra styles are allowed;
- Black or charcoal may NOT be worn.

Please note that students who do not attend school in an appropriate length of skirt will be loaned one for the day from the school's store room and parents will be contacted.

Choosing the right footwear

Parents should be aware that only plain **black shoes** are permitted in the school – there must be no white/coloured soles, labels, logos, markings, buckles or studs. Shoes must be leather or leather look. Please note that suede footwear is not allowed. A general guide is to ask if the shoe would be considered appropriate for a professional office environment and would be worn with a suit. Shoes should be kept clean and be polished as necessary.

Footwear must be sensible. Trainers, pumps, high heels or backless shoes are not allowed; the images below provide some examples. If you are unsure, please contact the school to clarify before making a purchase as mistakes are expensive to rectify. This is not an exhaustive list and is designed to provide a guide.





Physical Education

Embroidered initials on PE kits are optional but if not embroidered, all PE kits must be clearly labelled with the student's full name. If a student has been prescribed an inhaler it is the student's responsibility to bring an inhaler to every lesson and administer as required.

PE Kit List

- Red and black sports polo shirt with NHGS logo
- Red sports sweatshirt with NHGS logo (optional)
- Plain black sports base layer/skin upper body (optional)
- Plain black skort OR plain black shorts OR plain black tracksuit bottoms OR plain black full length sports leggings*
- NHGS red/black sports socks OR white/black ankle socks
- Appropriate sports trainers
- Plastic moulded or metal studded boots **

PE Kit additional compulsory items for the following activities:

- Hockey - Shin pads and gum shield
- Rugby - Gum shield
- Football - Shin pads

Finally

It is dangerous and therefore forbidden to wear any form of body piercing during PE lessons. Any piercing and healing should take place in the summer holidays.

*These must not be thin fashion style leggings.

** Boys will require these from September 2021 - Girls will not need these from September 2021 but will be given notice as to when they will be required during the school year.

School Uniform Outfitters

Our preferred supplier is:

Rawcliffes Ltd, 42-44 Darley Street, Bradford BD1 3HN Tel 01274 730846

Email: rawcliffesbradford@gmail.com

Uniform can also be ordered online with them at www.rawcliffes.biz

**There are also a number of Halifax uniform outfitters:
Shaw Hardcastle, The Uniform Shop and Ziggy's School Wear**