



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.

Uniform Code

- 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) which is tucked in with the collar buttoned up.
- A long-sleeved plain mid grey or red jumper 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 plain mid to dark grey straight or pleated knee length skirt. Black or charcoal trousers and skirts may not be worn. 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, skirts must comply with the criteria outlined above.
- Belts should be plain, narrow in black or grey
- A school tie in red with grey diagonal stripe, worn sensibly and done up to the collar.
- Either short plain grey or black socks, or black or skin coloured tights.
- Plain black leather or leather-effect shoes. No trainers, ankle boots, backless or sling-back shoes, no pumps or suede footwear. Shoes should be kept clean.



During warmer periods the school may choose to allow students to deviate from the standards outlined above to help students remain comfortable in school. This information will be communicated clearly through the appropriate channels, but students should not take it upon themselves to alter their uniform due to changes in temperature.

Coats and Outdoor Wear

- Coats and jackets must be removed whilst in lessons.
- 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 optional school jumper 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 around the neck when in school, except in PE lessons. This consists of a lanyard, card holder and personal identification card. If any part of your personal id is lost, damaged or defaced it will need to be replaced at the first possible opportunity.

Jewellery and Piercings

- A wristwatch may be worn. Bracelets are not allowed as part of school uniform, except where this may be for religious reasons.
- Only small studs may be worn as piercings in ears. All piercings must be able to be removed when students are in school.
- 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) must be healed by the time students return to school in order that they can be removed;

▪ Hair

- Long hair must be completely removed from the face and securely fastened for PE and 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:

- A plain mid to dark grey knee length straight or pleated skirt.
- Black or charcoal coloured skirts 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 storeroom 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.

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 kit must be clearly labelled** with the student's full name. If a student has been prescribed an inhaler it should be labelled with their name and brought to every PE lesson and administered 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 and black long socks - outdoor use
- White ankle socks for indoor use and summer
- 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 2023 - Girls will not need these from September 2023 but will be given notice as to when they will be required during the school year.

School Uniform Outfitters

Our preferred suppliers are:

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 or
Shaw Hardcastle 20-22 Commercial Street, Halifax HX1 1TA Tel 01422 353949

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

If you have any good second-hand uniform that you wish to donate to school, we would welcome any donations, which can be left at Reception. Parents, carers and students can also join the Facebook group to share or find second hand uniform by searching 'NHGS second hand uniform' in the Facebook search bar.