



# NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

GDST  
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

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### **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

**This policy relates to all phases of the school; EYFS, Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form**

All GDST schools require pupils to wear a uniform. School uniform gives a sense of community and can instil pride in the school. It contributes to our ethos and sets an appropriate tone, supporting positive behaviour and discipline. It also supports pupils in learning how to dress properly.

Our uniform has been developed in consultation with pupils, parents, staff and local governors. Pupil voice is listened to when developing additions and changes to the uniform. Cost is considered carefully when deciding on designs and suppliers.

#### **Communication of Policy**

This policy is available on request by any member of the school community and is part of the Parents' Handbook.

A short version of this policy is publicised in all form rooms for easy referral by pupils and tutors.

#### **Equal Opportunities**

We will seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect requirements of pupils regarding acceptable variations. We are sensitive to and respect the needs of different cultures, races, medical conditions, gender and religions. Reasonable adjustments to the uniform may be made on an individual basis (religious or medical reasons, for example). In such cases, permission may be granted by the Deputy Heads or the Head.

Any variations to the uniform must comply with Health and Safety requirements.

#### **Procedures in the Event of Non-Compliance**

Pupils should expect to be challenged by staff if they are not dressed in accordance with the guidelines. Non-compliance with the uniform policy will be dealt with on a case by case basis and in an age-appropriate way.

Sanctions may be imposed for breaches, particularly repeated breaches which will be dealt with by the class teacher (Junior School), Form Tutor (Senior School), Head of Year, Junior School Deputy Head or Deputy Head Pastoral as appropriate.

We may ask a pupil to go home to change their clothes if appropriate or we may need to phone parents to ask them to bring in the correct uniform for their daughter to wear. Parents will be notified and may be asked to attend a meeting to discuss issues if uniform breaches are regular. In each case, we will assess the situation on an individual basis and make allowances where appropriate for valid reasons.

Pupils wearing jewellery that does not conform to standards, including in PE and Food Technology, will be asked to remove them and put them somewhere safe. Refusal to do so, for any reason, will result in sanctions under the Rewards and Sanctions Policy. Outside of these specific activities, pupils wearing jewellery items that do not conform to the uniform policy will be asked to remove them and hand them in to reception for safekeeping, where they will remain until the end of the day. Persistent incidents of this nature will result in parents being contacted to discuss the matter further.

Exaggerated hair styles and obviously dyed hair are not allowed. Pupils with hair colour which does not meet the rules outlined below will be asked to ensure it is corrected at the very earliest opportunity. This may include being required to dye hair back to a natural colour or remove brightly coloured extensions/braids.

## Junior School Uniform (Reception-Year 6)

All items in *italics* should *only* be purchased from our uniform stockists, Schoolblazer. **Please go to: <http://www.schoolblazer.com> and click on the crest for Northampton High School.**

### Winter uniform (October half term – May half term)

#### 2 year olds

Leggings – navy	Compulsory – can be purchased locally
<i>Polo Shirt - white</i>	Compulsory
<i>Sweatshirt - navy</i>	Compulsory

#### 3 & 4 year olds to Year 2

<i>Tartan Pinafore</i>	Compulsory
<i>Polo Shirt - white</i>	Compulsory
<i>Cardigan - navy</i>	Compulsory

#### Years 3 to 6

<i>Tartan Kilt</i>	Compulsory
<i>Long-sleeved Open-neck Blouse - white</i>	Compulsory
<i>Sleeveless V Neck</i>	Compulsory
<i>Cardigan - navy</i>	Optional

#### All Year Groups

Socks/Tights	Navy knee-length socks/tights
Coat	Navy, fleece lined water-proof coat with hood and embroidered with school crest
Shoes/Boots	Plain black shoes with a low heel
<i>Fleece Hat – navy</i>	Compulsory
<i>Fleece Scarf – navy</i>	Compulsory
<i>Fleece Gloves - navy</i>	Compulsory

### Summer uniform – all years from age 3 (May half term - October half term)

Dress	Compulsory
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<i>Purse Belt (Years 3 to 6)</i>	Optional
<i>Cardigan - navy</i>	Compulsory
<i>Socks</i>	White ankle or knee-length socks
<i>Legionnaires Cap – Nursery, Reception &amp; Year 1</i>	Compulsory
<i>Baseball Cap</i>	Compulsory
<i>Shoes</i>	Plain black sandals (not open-toed or sling back) or plain black shoes

### **OTHER ITEMS**

<i>Art overall (Years 1 to 3)</i>	Compulsory
<i>Art wrap-over overall (Years 4 to 6)</i>	Compulsory
<i>Backpack</i>	Compulsory for Nursery to Year 4
<i>Bookbag</i>	Compulsory for Nursery to Year 2

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION & GAMES**

<i>Royal Blue Crested PE Polo</i>	Compulsory Nursery to Year 2
<i>Cobalt Blue Polo shirt</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>Games Polo shirt – navy</i>	Compulsory Year 4 and up
<i>Jogging Bottoms - navy</i>	Compulsory Nursery to Year 2
<i>Sweatshirt - navy</i>	Compulsory Nursery to Year 2
<i>Tracksuit Top - navy</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>Tracksuit Bottoms - navy</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>Shorts – navy</i>	Compulsory Nursery and up
<i>Skort – navy</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>PE drawstring Kit Bag</i>	Compulsory Nursery to Year 2
<i>Sports Bag</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>Shin pads</i>	Compulsory Year 2 and up
<i>Gum Shield</i>	Compulsory Year 3 and up
<i>Hooped Games Socks</i>	Compulsory Year 2 and up
<i>Navy Base layer Top</i>	Compulsory Year 3 to Year 6
<i>Soft Shell Jacket</i>	Optional Year 3 to Year 6
<i>Navy Thermal Base layer Leggings</i>	Optional Year 3 to Year 6
<i>Socks</i>	White ankle sports socks
<i>Footwear</i>	Trainers for outdoor use (Year 1 to Year 3) Trainers for use on the artificial pitch (Year 4 to Year 6) Plimsolls for indoor use – no black soles (Nursery to Year 2) Trainers for indoor use (Year 3 to Year 6)
<i>Swimwear</i>	One-piece costume (black or navy) and swimming hat (navy or black)

**BALLET** – Ballet is part of the curriculum for Nursery and Reception. Nursery girls only require shoes; Reception girls need ballet kit as below, which is available from 'A Dancers World' in Northampton Tel: 01604 634068. For girls in Years 1 to 6 Ballet is optional.

<i>Shoes</i>	Pink satin or leather (satin preferred for examinations)
<i>Black character shoes from Grade 1</i>	
<b>Reception to Year 3:</b>	
<i>Leotard</i>	Pale pink, short sleeved RAD regulation leotard
<i>Socks</i>	Short pink ballet socks
<i>Skirt</i>	Pale pink chiffon wrap-over skirt (Reception and Year 1)

Character skirt (from Grade 1)

**Year 4 upwards:**

Leotard

Lavender sleeveless RAD regulation leotard

Socks/tights

Short pink ballet socks or tights

**Jewellery:** The following are permitted: watch, plain ear stud or sleeper (one in each ear).

**No jewellery of any kind may be worn during any PE, Games or swimming lessons.**

Leggings or tracksuit bottoms must be worn whilst wearing sports kits and not partaking in physical activity from October half term to May half term in line with the winter uniform.

## Senior School Uniform (Years 7 to 11)

Official Outfitter - Schoolblazer

### Summer and winter alterations in Senior School

In recognition of the fact that the seasons have altered significantly in recent years and we now often experience very warm temperatures in September and October, we follow slightly different expectations of how the senior school uniform is worn during the year:

**Winter** - October half term to May half term - Full uniform including the school blazer to be worn in school. Pupils may ask to remove their blazer in lessons if they are too warm. We also recommend the school jumper to be worn during the coldest months but this remains optional. The school blouse should be worn tucked in at all times.

**Summer** - May half term to October half term - The normal senior school uniform applies but the blazer is optional. Pupils may wear it if they wish but are not required to. We would recommend that they have it in school with them each day in case the weather changes, but we will not enforce this. When pupils are not wearing their blazer, they are also allowed to untuck their shirt if they find this more comfortable, but it should be tucked in when the blazer is on to avoid looking scruffy.

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### UNIFORM

*Kilt\**

*Kilt – plain navy. Most students wear their skirt just above the knee but comfort is important so some may choose to wear it longer or shorter. We do ask that students not roll their skirts at the waist band as this looks untidy.*

Or

*Navy Trousers*

*Blouse\**

*Blouse - long sleeve or short sleeve, navy NHS stripe*

*Jumper\**

*Sleeveless V Neck or Long Sleeved Navy V Neck*

*Socks/Tights\**

*Navy or black tights or navy, black or white knee-length/short socks (no trainer socks)*

*Fitted Jacket\**

*Dark Navy with School Crest*

*Pupils are expected to wear their fitted jacket in school, but may remove it in lessons if it is too warm.*

*Shoes\**

*Plain Black leather shoes with flat heels giving adequate support.*

Canvas shoes, ballet style pumps and trainers are **not** allowed – they do not provide appropriate support and do not fit the smart style of our uniform.

#### Optional Items

*Navy fleece scarf with embroidered crest*

Navy fleece gloves

*Navy fleece ski-style hat with embroidered crest*

Coat (any style and colour is acceptable)

\*These items are compulsory

#### **JEWELLERY**

The following items are the only items of jewellery permitted  
Watch

Small Gold/Silver Religious symbol (necklace or bracelet)

Plain ear stud or small sleeper (no more than one in each ear)

No other studs are acceptable or piercings elsewhere on the body. No visible tattoos.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION – COMPULSORY ITEMS**

Footwear

Trainers with laces for outside use

Trainers with laces for indoor use (non marking)

*Shirt*

*School white PE polo shirt and school navy games shirt*

Shorts

Plain navy (not long cycling shorts)

*Skirt*

*School navy skirt*

*Socks*

*Hooped Hockey socks*

White ankle sports socks

*Sweatshirt*

*School Hooded Jumper*

Swimwear

One-piece costume (navy or black) and swimming hat

*Tracksuit*

*School tracksuit bottoms*

Leggings or tracksuit bottoms must be worn whilst wearing sports kits and not partaking in physical activity from October half term to May half term in line with the winter uniform.

**No jewellery of any kind may be worn during any PE, Games or swimming lessons.** For this reason, we advise that new ear piercings should happen over a holiday period so that pupils are able to remove their earrings by the time they return to school.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION – OPTIONAL ITEMS**

*School tracksuit – top*

Navy thermal base layer top

Navy thermal base layer leggings

*School fitness vest and leggings*

#### **SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

Kit bag

Goggles (optional)

Hockey stick

Shin pads, gum shield and astro-turf trainers for hockey

Tennis racket

Students are required to wear their uniform with pride, as smart representatives of the school, whilst at school and when out and about.

### **Mufti Days**

From time to time we hold mufti days to raise money for charity or for school trips. On these days, we expect the following points to be noted:

1. Jeans should not have holes in them
2. All clothing should cover under garments, cleavage and midriff
3. Shorts and skirts should cover thighs when sitting down
4. Clothing displaying aggressive, rude or vulgar language or slogans is not permitted.

### **Acceptable Uniform Standards for All Age Groups**

- All articles of clothing and personal possessions must be clearly marked with the name of the pupil.
- Flat or low-heeled formal leather/leather-look shoes should be worn to avoid accidents. Canvas shoes, trainers and high heels are not acceptable. In Junior School, shoes should be flat.
- Tights should be plain, in the colours specified in the uniform list and should not be patterned, laddered or contain holes.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.
- No jewellery of any kind may be worn during any PE or Food Technology lessons.
- Make-up may be worn but should be minimal and natural in appearance.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back when required, for health & safety reasons including Science, Food and PE. Hair should be styled neatly or in a natural form.
- Hair accessories should be simple and in keeping with the uniform.
- Unnatural hair colours, such as pink, green and purple, are unacceptable, as are dramatic differences, such as bright blond highlights in very dark hair. Whilst extensions, braids and weaves are permitted, they must also meet the rules on colour as set out above.
- No nail varnish, including gel overlays or similar.
- No acrylic nails or false nail extensions, or similar, are permitted at any time.
- Headscarves worn for religious observance should be navy or black for all students from Year 11 and below. Sixth Formers may wear more individual styles as appropriate.

Students or parents who would like further guidance should consult with tutors, Heads of Year or the Deputy Head Pastoral. The Head of Year's decision on what constitutes acceptable uniform is final.

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