

College Uniform Policy

Sir Harry Smith Community College expects students' appearance to be smart and presentable. The uniform policy has been developed with the purpose of ensuring that students are smart, safe and have clear guidelines of College expectations. A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students. We believe that a smart uniform, worn properly, is very important because it demonstrates the pride that students take in the College and signals their readiness to be part of the learning community.

We expect all students to wear full uniform at all times. The College therefore reserves the right to ask students to remove items of clothing, adornments (i.e. badges, sweatbands, hats, scarves, ornate belts) or jewellery, which are deemed contrary to the spirit of the policy in the opinion of the leaders of the College. We also reserve the right to ask students to remove excess makeup and/or nail varnish.

The College uniform for students in Years 7 - 11 is as follows:

- Plain white polo shirt with College logo.
- Tailored black trousers or black straight or pleated skirt of *modest length and fit to be worn with black tights. Alternatively, tailored shorts or culottes may be worn.

*modest length means no more than 1 inch above the knee.
- Maroon College sweatshirt or cardigan (in Years 7 to 10). Black College sweatshirt or cardigan (in Year 11).
- Black, low-heeled footwear (i.e. **less than 2" in height**) - **or plain black plimsolls. No sports or fashion logos or decoration should be visible on footwear.** Open-toed shoes are not suitable, for health and safety reasons. See footwear guidance section for further information.
- Tights should be plain black, no patterns.
- Coats should be kept in lockers and should not be worn around the building.

If you have any concerns or queries before purchasing uniform items, please contact your child's year leader for clarification.

Jewellery and Body Piercing

Students may wear an inexpensive watch, one pair of studs in the lower lobes and one small nose stud. Hooped earrings, including sleepers, are not allowed. Students who choose to wear studs must remove them for PE. No body jewellery is allowed (tongue, lip, eyebrow, belly button, etc.). Any jewellery brought into College is at students' own risk. Facial piercings (other than a single small nose stud) are not allowed and students will not be allowed to mask such a piercing with a plaster from first aid.

If a student wishes to have body pierced jewellery other than that allowed by the College, we stipulate that they have the piercing done at the beginning of the long summer holiday. This gives several weeks for the piercing to establish itself. The student is then able to take out the stud/ring safely to attend College, but to replace it at home. Any student wearing a ring or stud other than those allowed in the uniform code, who will not remove it on request, will be thought of as being unco-operative with the rules of the College. Lack of co-operation may result in isolation in the BSU or exclusion.

Make-up

Students may only wear a very small amount of **discreet** make-up and **clear nail varnish**. Any student unsure about how much make-up counts as discreet should seek advice from their Year Leader or the Behaviour Support Unit.








Hair




Hairstyles and hair colours which stand out in an unacceptable way and which may have a detrimental effect on the reputation of the College are not encouraged. The College reserves the right to request, and expect, students to make changes to their hair, if this is deemed the case. In extreme circumstances, a student can be refused admission to the College until the hairstyle and/or colour is considered acceptable. Hair should be of a natural colour. Hairstyles should not be patterned, stepped or shaved, and cut no shorter than a number 2. Symbols shaved into the hair are not acceptable.

Equipment


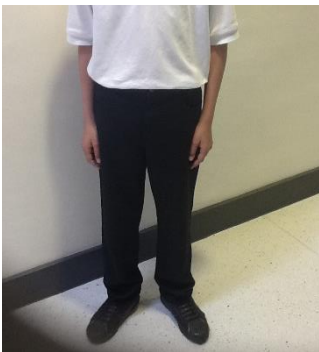

- Pens (blue/black), pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, protractor, compasses, calculator and glue stick.
- All the above items can be purchased from the exams office. In addition, students may purchase other items such as art sketch books and revision booklets.
- Many students find it useful to have the following items: coloured pens/pencils and a USB pen.
- Students will need a sturdy bag in which to carry equipment and books. They will be issued with several textbooks which should be looked after and returned in a reasonable condition.

Please note: *This is general information. As you know "fashion trends" come and go so our list cannot be exhaustive. It is at the discretion of the Principal of the College to take action regarding any fashion trend or hairstyle which we feel is unacceptable.*

Item	Colour	Description	Image
Polo Shirt	White	Plain white College polo shirt with logo	
Sweatshirt/Cardigan Year 7 ~ Year 10	Maroon	Plain maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with College logo	
Sweatshirt/Cardigan Year 11	Black	Plain black sweatshirt or cardigan with College logo	
Skirt	Black	<p>Plain black straight or pleated skirt of *modest length and fit to be worn with plain black tights.</p> <p>*modest length means no more than 1 inch above the knee.</p> <p>Alternatively, tailored shorts or culottes may be worn.</p>	 
Tailored Trousers	Black	<p>Must be a traditional <u>formal 'suit' style trouser</u></p> <p>Alternatively, tailored shorts may be worn.</p>	
Tights	Black	Plain, no patterns	

Footwear	Black	Black, low-heeled footwear (i.e. less than 2" in height) - or plain black plimsolls. No sports or fashion logos or decoration should be visible on footwear. Open-toed shoes are not suitable for health and safety reasons. See footwear guidance for further information.	
Socks	Black, grey or plain dark	Plain	
Jewellery		Students may wear an inexpensive watch, one pair of studs in the lower lobes and one small nose stud.	
Make-up		Discreet make up and clear nail varnish only.	
PLEASE PUT STUDENT'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PE KIT			

Examples of how your uniform should look

		
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SHSCC Footwear Guidance

Acceptable Shoe styles for school

Plain black leather shoes [or unbranded inexpensive plain black plimsolls] with flat heels should be worn. N.B. Shoes must be exclusively black i.e. no patches of other colours and, as shoes, they must be below the ankle.



Unacceptable Shoe styles for school

Nothing made by a sports manufacturer or in a sporty style e.g. leather trainers, Vans, Reebok, Converse, Nike etc. (regardless of colour) or **trainer style shoes** displaying their logo [even in black], boots of any description, and backless shoes.



The College Physical Education uniform is as follows:

GIRLS' PE KIT		BOYS' PE KIT	
ESSENTIAL	OPTIONAL	ESSENTIAL	OPTIONAL
Maroon polo shirt (with school badge)	Black ¼ zip sports top (with school badge)	Maroon polo shirt (with school badge)	Black ¼ zip sports top (with school badge)
Plain black shorts/skort	Plain black sports leggings	Plain black shorts	Plain black tracksuit trousers (if outside during the winter)
Maroon, long sports socks	Football or rugby boots	Maroon, long sports socks	Football or rugby boots
Sports trainers		Sports trainers	

Personal Protective Equipment

Some activities will require personal protective equipment. Your son/daughter's PE teacher will discuss this with the students prior to commencing activities that require this equipment.

- Gum shield
- Shin pads
- Football or rugby boots

All Students

- Where a student is excused from taking part in a PE lesson a note from parents must be provided in the student planner. Students are still required to bring PE kit as they will be given an alternative role within the lesson.
- Students that do not have correct or any kit with them will receive a detention and a 'yellow' negative slip.

Security of the changing rooms and students in PE

- For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
- For safety reasons a member of staff will remain in, or around the changing rooms to supervise changing time.
- We advise that no jewellery or valuables are brought into school on PE days.
- No aerosols are to be used anywhere in the College, including use in the changing rooms.
- The College accepts no responsibility for items lost or stolen.