



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Changes to School Uniform and Mobile Device Policies

From September 2026, schools in England will be required to limit branded items in their uniform policies to a maximum of three in order to reduce costs for parents. These new legal requirements are expected to be fully in force for the start of the September 2026 school year.

As a result of this new government requirement, we have made changes to the school uniform policy. To summarise the key changes, the school blouse will now be plain white (reverse collar, open neck), rather than the existing striped blouse. The compulsory branded items will be the school blazer and the black quarter-zip track top with Newstead badge for PE. Families may also choose to purchase the branded green jumper V-necked with yellow stripe and school badge, but this is optional. Many uniform and PE kit items can now be generic, rather than specific regulation items.

The full uniform requirements are listed below and can be found in the updated Behaviour Policy which can be found [here](#). All of these changes have been made with the aim of reducing costs to parents. There are no changes to the Sixth Form Dress Code.

The new school uniform will apply to all new students joining us in Year 7 in September 2026, and to any new uniform items purchased for existing students from September. Existing students can continue to wear the uniform they currently own, including striped blouses.

Our uniform supplier is Graduates Schoolwear, 201 High Street, Orpington BR6 0PF, and the Parents' Association regularly run second-hand uniform sales – details are published in the weekly newsletter.

There have also been some small changes to our Mobile Devices Policy, strengthening our position as a phone free school. Please familiarise yourself with this [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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School Uniform

Items marked * are compulsory, all others are optional.

Outdoor Wear

Coat* A plain black, knee-length coat or a plain black jacket.
Leather/PVC/denim coats and jackets are not allowed.
Hoodies or sweatshirts are not acceptable as coats.

Scarf Plain dark green or black or school colours.

Gloves Plain dark green or black.

School Bag* All students should have a plain black bag suitable for carrying books and equipment in all weathers, no logos or designs. A small black bag with straps no bigger than A5 size can be used to carry valuables.

Indoor Wear

Lower School – Yr 7-9

Blazer* Bottle Green jacket with school badge on lapel which must be worn at all times.

A choice of

Skirt* A dark green pleated or A line skirt or kilt. Skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. No stretchy fabric skirts.

or

Trousers* Plain black smart trousers

Upper School – Yr 10-11

Jacket Black Eco jacket with school badge on lapel which must be worn at all times.

A choice of

Skirt* A black pleated or A line skirt or kilt. Skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. No stretchy fabric skirts.

or

Trousers* Plain black smart trousers

Whole School – Yr 7-11

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| Blouse* | A plain white blouse (revere collar, open neck, either long or short sleeves) |
| Jumper | A branded green jumper, V-necked, with a yellow stripe and school badge |
| Socks* | Ankle or knee length black socks, or plain black or clear tights, no patterns. Over the knee socks or stockings/hold ups are not permitted. White socks are allowed in the summer |
| Shoes* | Plain, black wide-heeled shoes (heels no higher than 2 inches), leather or other hard material. 'Kickers' style ankle-boots, 'creepers' with thick soles, boots, sandals and trainers are not allowed. If boots are worn to school in bad weather students must change into shoes in school |
| Jewellery | The following items only are allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A simple necklace/chain, small pendant/charm (or equivalent)• One plain, narrow ring• Small, plain studs - one per ear in the lobe• A wrist watch may also be worn. No other jewellery is allowed |

In Years 10 and 11 discreet make-up and clear, not coloured, nail varnish is permitted. (Brightly coloured eye shadow and lipsticks are not considered discreet.) Students will be asked to remove make-up thought by staff to be unsuitable for school. Acrylic nails or other nail enhancements are not permitted in school.

Hair accessories should be plain black or dark green. Extreme hairstyles and hair colours which are not natural are also unacceptable. No shaved or partially shaved heads. Sanctions will be applied as necessary.

Overalls

Science and Design and Technology

A generic **green overall*** or white lab coat is required which can be worn for both Science and DT. This should be named on the inside.

Art and Pottery

Students are asked to wear **an old shirt or overall*** to protect their uniforms, but not their Science/DT overall.

Physical Education

- Black ¼ zip track top with Newstead badge*
- Generic black polo shirt*

- Generic plain coloured T shirt in house colour* (Nightingale – Red; Swift – Yellow; Griffin – Purple; Falcon – Light Blue; Wren – Dark Blue; Phoenix – Orange)
- Sports bra
- Generic plain black jogging bottoms or leggings OR Black school tracksuit trousers with Newstead badge *
- Black games shorts or skort (either generic or with Newstead badge)
- Green or black rugby/football socks*
- Trainers* - should be smart practical sports trainers (no Airforce, Converse or Vans)
- Astro boots (not studded)
- White ankle socks*
- Shin pads*

All jewellery must be removed for all PE lessons and hair must be tied back. All students should be able to remove their own earrings for lessons. Taping over earrings is not permitted

Please DO NOT get ears pierced during the school term as they must be removed for lessons

Gymnastic/Dance work is done in bare feet, any student with athlete's foot or a verruca should bring a note from home for her PE teacher and grip socks (see [here](#) for example) should be worn.