School Uniform 2023/2024 May, 2024

Our uniform reflects our pride in belonging to The Grey Coat Hospital school community. We recognise the importance of uniform in preparing us for the world of work and that it reflects the spirit of equality within the school. Through wearing our uniform well, we fulfil our responsibility in upholding the traditions of the school and its high regard in the community and as such pupils should be smart at all times.

Uniform must be clearly marked with the child's name. Uniform can be purchased via our online uniform providers Uniform4Kids, www.swischoolwear.co.uk/ Other items, as indicated as optional, may be obtained from any supplier. The parents' association, The Grey Coat Guild hold second hand uniform sales which are a more affordable way of obtaining the uniform. These take place on the Admissions Day for Year 7 and at other times of the year for other year groups. The school uniform policy is strictly enforced. Any inappropriate items will be confiscated, and can be redeemed from the school office at the end of the half term.

Uniform from Uniform4Kids

Compulsory:

- Skirt Box pleat knee length.
- Blouse, A patterned short or long-sleeved school blouse.
- Blazer, Grey embroidered with GCH crest. The blazer which is a compulsory part of the uniform must be worn to and from school every day.

Optional:

- Jumper plain grey V-neck jumper or cardigan.
- Trousers plain grey signature girls classic trousers.
- Summer dress.

From any supplier:

- Socks grey, white or black
- Tights grey, white or black. No patterned tights or leg warmers may be worn and tights <u>and</u> socks cannot be worn together.
- Shoes Plain black, leather low-heeled walking shoes in a lace-up or strap style. No patterned or mixed colour footwear is allowed. No boots are allowed, nor shoes above the ankle (i.e. Kickers). Platform or flatform shoes, canvas or trainer-type shoes are not acceptable.
- **T-shirt** (optional) A round-necked T-shirt may be worn under the blouse provided it is plain white with no pattern or colour trimming.
- Coat to be worn in very cold or wet weather over the blazer. Any plain black or a plain grey coat without any pattern, writing or logos.
- Scarf/Hat/Gloves (optional) plain grey, black or white.

PE Uniform from SWI www.swischoolwear.co.uk/

- **Sweatshirt** Grey sweatshirt with the school logo for PE may be worn instead of a jumper or cardigan. Year 11 are allowed to wear the navy blue sweatshirt from SWI.
- **Jogging bottoms** with school logo
- Black Cycling Shorts from SWI with school logo,
- Black Skort from SW1

From any supplier

- Short sleeved White Polo Shirt
- Training Shoes must be mainly white with grip soles please see illustration

Not permitted are: plimsolls, Converse, high top, flat soled or overly large soles or trainers with velco straps

- Socks white, grey or black
- Plain Black Leotard for gymnastics or dance
- Leggings (optional) plain black leggings may be worn for gymnastics or dance.

Other items

Science and Art Overall An adult-sized old shirt is ideal, or a traditional Science overall can be obtained from the Guild sales

School Bag A sensible strong bag (not a plastic carrier bag) must be provided for books and equipment. A small rucksack is recommended because it balances the weight on both shoulders.

Jewellery, Make-Up and Watches

Rings, and any other form of jewellery, nail varnish or make-up may not be worn whether in school, or on the way to and from school, while wearing school uniform. Acrylic nails are strictly forbidden for health & safety reasons. However, the following items are permitted:

Wrist watch (optional) analogue and digital watches only, to be clearly marked with the child's name. **Smart watches** are prohibited.

Earrings (optional) Only small 5mm plain small gold or silver studs, which may be bought from the Hospital, may be worn; one in each lower ear lobe. Cross & chain (optional) or Crucifix & chain (optional). These may be worn provided they are not on display. No nose rings or tongue piercings. No other jewellery. No slogan wristbands, friendship bands etc and no decorated keyrings may be worn.

Eyebrows Slits in eyebrows are **not** allowed.

Hair One natural colour (and not two tone). **Hair Accessories** (optional) Practical items like hair grips may be worn provided they are plain, either in white, black, grey or navy blue. Oversized or decorative hair accessories will be removed/confiscated. A plain black, white, or grey headscarf may be worn for religious reasons. Ribbons and large headbands are strictly forbidden.

Mobile Phones

Both for educational and health and safety reasons we do not recommend that students bring mobile phones to school. Recent government guidance to schools, published in February 2024, endorses this approach. However, if parents wish their daughters to carry a mobile phone it is permitted on the understanding that it must be kept switched off and out of sight at all times during the school day and afterwards when on the school site. If this rule is not adhered to the phone will be confiscated for five school days, after which students can redeem them on payment of 50p. Please note as above, smart watches are prohibited.

School uniform which must be purchased from Uniform4Kids





Optional

Grey V-Neck **or** Cardigan or sweatshirt from SWI below*



Compulsory

Grey Wool Blazer











Compulsory Blouse, Pack of 2

long or short sleeved

Compulsory Pleated Box Pleat Skirt

Optional Summer Dress

Optional Trousers

PE Kit which must be purchased from SWI







Compulsory Tech Fit Shorts



Optional Skort



Optional **Sweatshirt**

Items from any supplier:



Optional Black leotard



Compulsory White polo shirt



Compulsory White trainers any brand