
Uniform Policy

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.

All uniform must be clearly marked with the girl's name. Uniform can be purchased via the uniform shop at www.johnlewis.com or by order and collection in store at Peter Jones, Sloane Square, SW1. Whilst some items may be obtained from any supplier, those items marked with an asterisk * must be obtained from either John Lewis, Peter Jones, The Grey Coat Hospital Guild sales, or the school's PE department.

The school Guild hold second-hand school 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. Please contact the school for further information.

Any item deemed unsuitable by senior staff must not be brought onto the school premises. The school uniform policy is strictly enforced.

Indoor Uniform

SKIRT* – Two official styles of knee length skirt may be worn, box-pleated and pleated. Please note that only Peter Jones sells the correct shade of grey, which is specific to Grey Coat.

BLOUSE* – A patterned short or long-sleeved school blouse.

SUMMER DRESS* (optional) – GCH school design. Can be ordered from Peter Jones.

BLAZER* – Grey with GCH badge or school crest. All girls must have a blazer – it is a compulsory part of the uniform.

SOCKS OR TIGHTS – Plain grey, white or black ankle socks OR black, grey-ribbed or ordinary nylon tights. No patterned tights or leg warmers may be worn. Socks and tights may not be worn together. Socks must cover the ankle.

SHOES – Plain black low-heeled leather 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. Platform or flatform shoes, canvas or trainer-type shoes are not acceptable.

T-SHIRT (optional) – A round-necked plain white T-shirt may be worn under the blouse.

Woollens* (optional) – Plain grey classic V-neck pullover or cardigan.

SWEAT SHIRT* (optional) – Sweat Shirt (optional – but recommended for outdoor PE when cold) – Grey or blue (Year 11 only) sweat shirts with the school logo may be worn instead of a pullover or cardigan. Available from www.swi.co.uk

Outdoor Uniform

BLAZER* – The Hospital’s grey blazer (compulsory) **must** be worn to and from school every day.

COAT – Only to be worn in very cold or wet weather **OVER the blazer**. Girls may wear any of the following: Plain **black** or **grey** coats without any pattern, writing or logos. Grey or maroon uniform coats as supplied by Peter Jones. Any denim, leather, fake leather, fake fur or knitted coats or any red or maroon coats other than those supplied by Peter Jones are not acceptable. Coats may have a narrow fake fur trim on the **collar or hood**.

SCARF/HAT/GLOVES – Plain grey, navy-blue, white or black scarf, hat or gloves may be worn.

Apart from the blazer, items of outdoor uniform must not be worn inside the buildings.

Physical Education Kit

SKIRT* – Grey pleated games skirt.

BLOUSE* – A short-sleeved gold polo shirt.

CYCLING SHORTS* – Plain black cycling shorts with school logo, may be worn for athletics.

TRAINING SHOES – Must be mainly white with white laces.

SOCKS – White or Grey socks.

BLACK LEOTARD – For gymnastics and dance.

SWEATSHIRT & JOGGING BOTTOM – These items are available in Grey from www.swi.co.uk.

LEGGINGS – Plain black leggings may be worn for dance.

SCHOOL BAG – A sensible strong bag (not a plastic carrier bag) must be used for books and equipment. A small rucksack which distributes the weight evenly on both shoulders is recommended.

Jewellery and make-up

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 and safety reasons. However the following items are permitted:

WRIST WATCH (optional) – plain and discreet, which must be clearly marked with the girl’s name.

JEWELLERY – Only small 5mm, plain gold or silver stud earrings, one in each earlobe. Cross and chain (optional) or simple Crucifix & chain (optional). These may be worn provided they are not on display. No nose rings. No tongue piercings. No other jewellery. No slogan wristbands, charity or friendship bands and no decorated keyrings may be worn.

HAIR ACCESSORIES (optional) – Practical items such as hair grips may be worn provided they are either in white, black, grey, or navy-blue. Oversized 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. Students are not permitted to dye their hair or wear hair extensions that are an unnatural colour. Two tone hair is not permitted.

EYEBROWS – Slits in eyebrows are not allowed.