



**OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**AND**

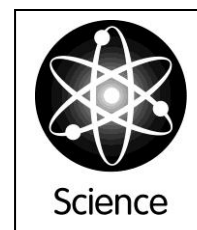
**SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**UNIFORM POLICY**

<b>APPROVED BY GOVERNORS</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010</b>
<b>REVISION DUE</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2012</b>
<b>MEMBER OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER</b>
<b>STATUTORY / NON-STATUTORY</b>	<b>STATUTORY</b>



Community



Opportunity

Unity

## **Introduction:**

Oaklands Catholic School adheres to a school uniform up to and including Year 11 (Sixth Form students do not wear a uniform but are requested to wear clothing which is appropriate for a learning organisation and with due regard to their status as senior members of the school community). Our school colours are navy blue and royal blue. The purpose of our school uniform policy is to provide clear and detailed information to stakeholders, increase student safety, to encourage our students to experience a greater sense of pride and identity with their community, to maintain high levels of good student behaviour, to reduce costs to parents and provide a greater choice of supplier and to expand academic excellence. This guidance will be sensitive to the needs and beliefs of the whole community, bearing in mind its duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and antidiscrimination legislation which are covered within this document.

## **Aims and objectives:**

Our policy is based on the notion that:

- School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Engenders a sense of identity and belonging towards the Oaklands community
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical, affordable and smart
- Makes students feel equal and encourages cohesion
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind
- Supports sustainability

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If there are serious reasons, i.e: on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Using the complaints procedure, it will consider representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable.

In order to assist those parents/carers purchasing the new blazer for the first time (and until June 2012 and such a time as a Second Hand Shop has been established), the Governors will administer a Governors Uniform Fund to which parents in receipt of full Income Support and registered for Free School Meals may apply. Parents/Carers are also encouraged to apply for the Hampshire County Council Uniform Grant of £61.25 (available each June: website link is <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/ad-information/ad-school-meals.htm>) ; this grant is available on a first come first served basis from County and is open to students in Years 7, 9 and 10. Forms may be collected from Oaklands Finance Office in June of the school year.

### **New Uniform**

From September 2011 all students in Years 7-11 will be in our new uniform.

#### Girls:

Navy Ecosmart blazer with crest\* (compulsory)

Navy v-neck jumper or tank top with logo\*

Navy and white striped v-neck reverse blouse\*

Navy stitched down pleated skirt (no shorter than 18")

Navy straight leg trousers (or specified "Banner" brand from Havant Uniform Shop)

Navy, black or natural tights (no patterns or lace)

Flat black shoes (no higher than 2", not trainers or casual style); platform or stilettos are not permitted

#### Boys:

Navy Ecosmart blazer with crest \* (compulsory)

Navy v-neck jumper or tank top with logo\*

White shirt

Navy and royal double stripe tie\*

Navy trousers

Black socks

Black shoes (not trainers or casual style)

Students in other year groups **may** also purchase the new uniform but if so, they must wear the entire new colours (no hybrids or mixes are permitted). The blazer, jumper, boys tie, girls blouse (marked with \*) may be purchased from the school supplier via the online school shop or The Schoolwear Shop (Havant); the plain navy items may also be purchased in any major chain store providing that they match the requirements listed. If in any doubt please contact either the Head of Year or Mrs McConn-Finch (Assistant Headteacher).

### **Additional information applicable to both uniforms:**

#### **Coats/Scarves etc:**

Coats – the Ecosmart blazer will be worn at all times (except in class). For inclement weather, parents may purchase a plain navy or black coat to be worn over the blazer (or

grey uniform). No other colours or patterns are permitted. Hoodies/sweatshirts are forbidden and not considered an acceptable item of school uniform.

Scarves – Students may purchase an optional navy blue and royal blue scarf from our school shop in the Finance Office; the only other alternative permitted is a plain navy blue or black scarf.

Hats – Hats are not normally permitted. However, in cases of health and safety (extreme cold weather) hats, if worn, must be plain black or navy blue. In the summer the only hat allowed must be the school baseball cap.

Socks/Tights: Boys must wear dark socks. Girls must wear white or navy blue socks; flesh coloured sheer tights; navy blue or black plain opaque tights. Pattered or lacy tights are not permitted.

### **Logos:**

No logos (other than the school logo) should be displayed on any uniform garments

### **Jewellery:**

On health and safety grounds we only allow children to wear a limited amount of jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are: 1 plain pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears (in the lobe – no flesh tunnels are permitted), a watch and a plain crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. Piercings of any other kind are strictly forbidden.

### **Hair:**

Exaggerated, coloured, or bleached hairstyles are not acceptable at Oaklands. **This includes beading, braiding and extreme colouring/highlights.** Excessively long and excessively short hair styles are considered exaggerated and are not acceptable. Hair must not hide the face – all features must be visible. Long hair must be tied up for PE. **For parents' guidance, boys' haircuts should be of no less than a Grade 2 on any part of the head. All boys should be clean shaven.** Hair accessories must be navy, royal blue or white.

### **Cosmetics:**

Make-up, excessive fake tan, nail varnish, tattoos are not permitted. Students will be asked to remove these with cleansers etc provided in school.

### **Footwear:**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, therefore girls will not wear shoes with heels which are higher than 2 inches. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Ankle or knee boots may not be worn. All students will wear plain black shoes (not suede). If a student wears the incorrect footwear he/she will report to their Head of Year and be issued with a pair of black plimsolls until they have acquired the correct footwear in accordance with regulations.

**Sportswear:**

Please note that all sports clothing is available from the school. Footwear must be purchased elsewhere. A towel is required for PE and Games lessons.

Rugby Socks (boys)

Rugby Shorts (boys)

Navy sweatshirt

Royal blue polo shirt

Plain white sports socks

Tracksuit Bottoms (optional)

White Trainers (non-marking soles)

Rugby boots or Football boots + rugby safety studs (safety)

**Choir/Band Uniform:**

Students involved in the School Choir/Bands will be required to wear a white shirt or a stiff collared buttoned up blouse with the school tie with music motif. Formal black trousers with black socks/polished shoes or appropriate black knee length skirt with black tights and black polished shoes are a required part of the Choir/Band uniform.

**IF IN DOUBT ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF UNIFORM, HAIRSTYLE ETC., PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S HEAD OF YEAR OR MRS MCCONN-FINCH BEFORE PROCEEDING.**